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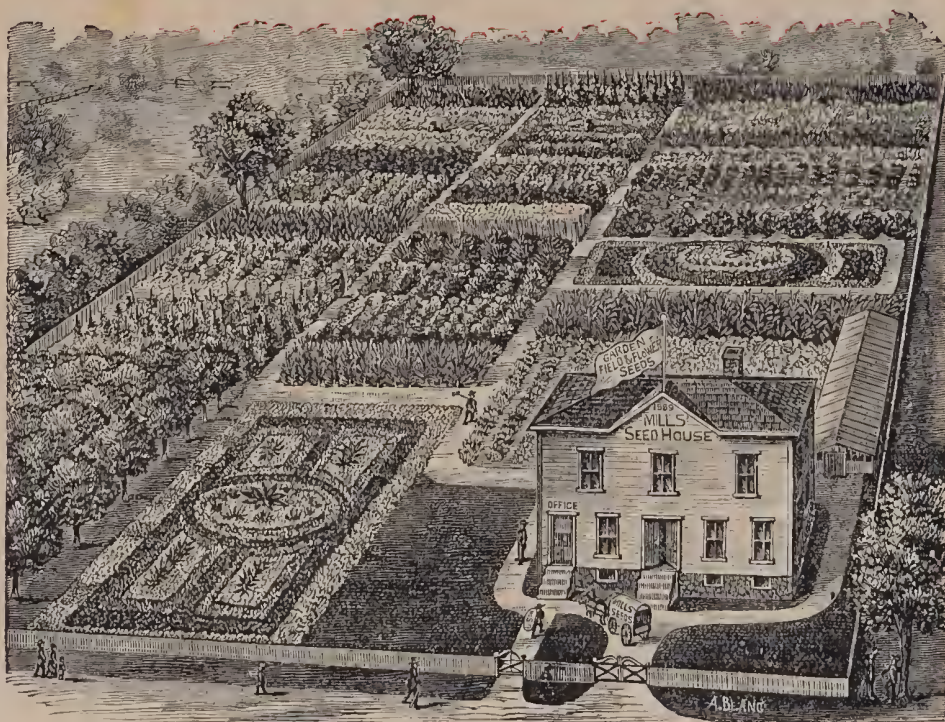
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OF

GARDEN, FIELD AND FLOWER

**SEEDS.**

PURE SEEDS

LOW PRICES



A Partial View of F. B. Mills' Seed House and Grounds.

— GROWN AND FOR SALE BY —

**F. B. MILLS,**

THORN HILL,

ONONDAGA COUNTY,

NEW YORK.



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# Directions for Ordering Seeds.

READ CAREFULLY.

The first and most important part in sending an order for Seeds is to write plainly your name, post-office address, county and State on each letter or order sheet. I frequently receive letters containing money for seed without any names attached thereto; others again fail to give me either post-office or State. When it is impossible to find out the proper address, either by letter or stamp on the envelope, I have to hold these letters until the parties write again. This they often fail to do, having come to the conclusion that they have been swindled, when the fault is wholly their own. I have letters of this description which I have held for years, not knowing who they belong to, as it is impossible to find out unless I have the post-office address. I shall be glad to fill at least a small order for every person receiving my catalogue for 1890. Remember you get a packet of Potter's Superb Sweet Corn free, no matter how small your order is.

**SEEDS BY MAIL POSTPAID.** In considering my prices, both of new and standard Vegetable and Flower and Vegetable Seeds, by the packet, ounce, one-fourth pound and pound, pint or quart. On all Vegetable Seeds ordered by express or freight, the purchaser is entitled to deduct 8 cents per pound or 12 cents per quart from catalogue prices. In ordering, state distinctly whether the goods are to be sent by mail, express or freight, otherwise I shall use my own judgment as to the best route.

My customers will find their Seeds to carry by mail equally as safe and much quicker than by express, and I would advise them to have all orders of four pounds sent by mail, especially if to go long distances, for the postage is only 8 cents per pound and the express charges would be much higher. Any order, no matter how heavy, can be put up in four pound packages and sent to any part of the United States or Canada and be much cheaper than by express.

**SEEDS BY FREIGHT OR EXPRESS.** When Seeds are ordered to be shipped either by freight or express, be sure to give the name of your express or freight office, as the case may be; also name your post-office, as I often have occasion to write you, especially if they should happen to go wrong or become broken in transit. Heavy articles, over fifty pounds, should always be ordered by freight when to go long distances, as the expressage is often more than the Seeds cost. This sometimes causes much unpleasantness and delay.

**PLEASE REMEMBER.** I never pay express or freight charges unless a special agreement is made to that effect.

**HOW TO SEND MONEY.** Remittances can be made either by New York draft, express order, postal note, P. O. money order on Skaneateles, N. Y. (Thorn Hill is not a money order office), or by registered letter. When sent by either of these methods you may select extra Seeds to the cost of sending the order.

Every postmaster is required by law to register a letter on payment of 10 cents, and then you will receive my receipt for the letter by return mail. I guarantee sums of \$2 or under, sent in a common sealed envelope, to reach me safely, providing it is enclosed in the letter in the presence of two witnesses and well sealed. For small sums, postage stamps will be accepted, if received in good condition; but do not send them if you can get anything else, as I receive more than I can use. Silver or gold coin, when sent in letters, should be sewed or pasted up in strong paper or cloth to prevent their breaking through the envelope, which is frequently the case when enclosed loose.

**MY GUARANTEES.** I warrant all Seeds sent out from my establishment to be fresh, true to name, and to grow if properly planted, inasmuch if such should not be the case I will refill the order, providing sufficient proof is given me in reasonable time.

I guarantee all Seeds to reach you in good time and condition. I guarantee that my novelties and specialties possess merits of great value and should be given a trial by everyone interested in farming or gardening.

**NEW VARIETIES OF VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS FOR TRIAL.** If any of my customers having anything which they think possess great merit will send me a sample for trial, and I find it anything extra, will purchase the entire stock at a price that will well pay you for your trouble.

I would also like to make contracts for growing Seeds, Grain, &c., of varieties I do not grow myself, and will pay highest market price for such. Persons having good soil and wishing to grow any particular variety will please write me, providing they are one of my customers.

All letters and registered letters must be directed to Thorn Hill, Onondaga Co., N. Y., and all post-office money orders made payable at Skaneateles, N. Y.

Address plainly,

F. B. MILLS, Seedsman,  
ONONDAGA CO. THORN HILL, NEW YORK.

P. S.—Should you delay ordering until planting time, you can rely upon my filling your order and sending by next mail. Remember, should you lose this catalogue a new copy will be sent free by postal request.

TRY FOR PRIZES ON NEW POTATO AND OATS.



# Six Grand Novelties for 1890.

The introduction of Novelties of real merit has always been a special feature of my business. Of my Novelties for 1890 the Golden Sugar Peas are remarkable for their enormous size—hitherto unapproached, both in size and quality; New No. 10 Potato, as the heaviest cropper and best quality for main crop; Mansfield Tree Tomato, a perfect wonder in the tomato line; Gold Coin Oats, noted for immense yields and length of heads; Prince of Wales Peas, an excellent new Pea and worthy of cultivation; while Potter's Superb Sweet Corn is the most delicately flavored of all Sweet Corn. These are all now offered for the first time, and are most promising varieties of unusual merit, and can be secured this season of no other seedsman, and orders must be sent direct to me to secure the pure seed.

I would also invite special attention to my specialties in Vegetable and Flower Seeds.

## POTTER'S SUPERB SWEET CORN.

ONE PACKET FREE. READ CONDITIONS.



POTTER'S SUPERB SUGAR CORN. ENGRAVED FROM A SKETCH MADE AT MY SEED GROUNDS.

While talking with Rev. W. T. Potter last spring about varieties of Sweet Corn he told me he had a kind that he considered the best of all, and that he had kept in the seed of it for a great many years. He said he had tried other varieties of great merit, but preferred his kind every time, and called it "Potter's Superb."

I at once procured some of his seed and planted it in my trial grounds the past season, and can safely say I believe it will head the list of Sugar Corn, and it will only be a matter of time to make its merits known, when it will be sought after by every gardener or grower of Sweet Corn.

At great expense I have had a sketch engraved of it while growing, which well represents it in every respect. Each stalk produces two or three large ears as perfect in form as in the engraving, and always well filled with large kernels, which is of superior quality. In 1891 I shall offer it for sale, but before doing so I want every one of my customers of 1890 to give it a trial in their gardens and have concluded to give one packet free for trial to every person sending me an order for seeds or plants from this catalogue in 1890. I have placed it on the order sheets, so no mistake will occur, and you will be sure to find a packet in your order of seeds as soon as they arrive. Remember, not one kernel will be sold at any price this season, for I only send it out to my customers for trial. After you have once planted it you will always plant it, and all your neighbors will want it, so you see it will pay me to give packets free to my customers, which will greatly advertise it one year in advance of its general introduction. Every person sending me a cash order for anything in this catalogue during 1890 will receive a free packet for trial. Use my order sheet when convenient, but when you do not, please mention New "Sugar Corn," so I shall not forget it. Read my catalogue all through, for I have many rare and valuable varieties of vegetable and flower seeds that you will want. Show this catalogue to your friends and neighbors and get them to order a few seeds, which will entitle them to a packet of the New "Sugar Corn," but you must be sure to give their names and addresses, if they send with you, so I shall make no mistake. I have one packet ready for each person receiving my 1890 catalogue, so don't fail to send me an order, no matter how large or small it may be. **HAVE YOU NOTICED THE SEED AND PLANT COLLECTIONS?**



# MILLS' NEW No. 10 POTATO.

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR BEST NAME SELECTED.



NEW NO. 10 POTATO, TO BE INTRODUCED 1891. (DRAWN FROM NATURE.)

## Particulars of Advance Trials to Prove its Merits Prior to the General Introduction.

**MILLS' No. 10 POTATO.** New Potatoes of real merit has always been a specialty with me, and I now believe I have one of the best potatoes to introduce that I ever had, or has ever been introduced. This potato originated with me, and before offering it in large quantities, I want it thoroughly tested in all parts of the country, in order to prove its merits. Having, however, a few barrels this season, instead of distributing tubers gratuitously for trial to a few hundred potato experts, I have decided to give all my customers an equal opportunity to test No. 10 a year in advance of its being named and generally introduced.

My new plan is briefly this:—As long as my supply lasts, I will send any of my customers one pound of good tubers of No. 10, postpaid, for 60 cents, but positively not more than one pound to any one party. Each purchaser is expected to compete for the

## ONE BARREL PRIZE.

I will give this fall, One Barrel, (3 bushel) of my No. 10 potatoes to the person who selects the best and most appropriate name for No. 10, and sends it to me before October 1st, 1890. It makes no difference who suggests the best name or where it comes from, for the name that suits me best will go with the potato hereafter, and the person who suggests it will be awarded one barrel of the 1890 crop, and it will be shipped by freight the first week in October, 1890.

The above illustration was drawn from nature, and the pile on the left is the product of one pound which was planted in my trial grounds last season. Its handsome form, white skin, and large but even size recommend it everywhere. Flesh is white and fine grained, cooks dry and mealy, and is of superior quality. This is the case when first dug, and they retain their good cooking qualities and keep sound and perfect until the new crop comes again. As a variety to keep for late spring use it has no superior. Vines grow vigorously, foliage deep green, and the hills are completely crowded with fine large potatoes, and in the important matter of productiveness, they are perfectly marvelous, far surpassing all other varieties ever grown on my grounds. Include 60 cents in your order for one pound of these potatoes, and with good treatment you can grow a bushel or more of the handsomest potatoes you ever saw; this will be seed enough to plant quite a piece of ground, and you will certainly be well pleased with the small investment.

The thorough trials that No. 10, by my new plan, will have this year in the gardens of my customers, as well as my own trials, will certainly demonstrate accurately its relative merits, and I fully believe that these trials will prove No. 10 to be the Best Potato for a general crop yet produced.

Remember I am sole introducer of this Grand New Potato, and positively only one pound will be sent to any one party.



# MANSFIELD TREE TOMATO.

THE MOST WONDERFUL TOMATO EVER INTRODUCED.



**MANSFIELD TREE TOMATO, ENGRAVED FROM A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AUG. 12, 1889, SHOWING MR. MANSFIELD, THE ORIGINATOR, STANDING BY THE TREES.**

New Tomatoes seem to be the rage with seedsmen in the United States, each one trying to outdo the other by introducing new sorts. I have always made it a point to test new varieties of tomatoes as they are brought out, and am careful to note the merits of each one separately. Last spring I heard of a new tomato in Wisconsin which was claimed to be a "Tree Tomato," and which would grow ten feet high, and produce larger tomatoes than any other variety in cultivation. I at once made an investigation, and the originator made claims which I could hardly believe, but I knew if they would produce tomatoes as he said, they certainly were the greatest tomatoes in cultivation. I was determined to give them a trial on my grounds, and at quite an expense I procured a supply of the plants direct from Mr. Mansfield, the originator. They arrived late in May with tops somewhat broken, but I set them all out just to see what they would do.

The season was the worst one for tomatoes I ever saw, but in spite of that the "Tree Tomato" grew very fast, and by September 1st, it was the grandest and most wonderful sight at my seed grounds; such vines I never saw before, and as to tomatoes, there was no end, which were smooth, of handsome color, and of immense size. I find the originator made claims which were true, not praising them any too much, and below I publish a letter received from him giving its history, so all can see what a wonderful tomato this is. After finding out that they were an excellent kind, I at once made arrangements with the originator for all the seed he had, and now am able to offer the true and genuine seed, which can be procured of no other seedsman this spring.

Under date of October 15th, 1889, Mr. Mansfield, the originator, writes—I will state facts and nothing but facts:—"The Mansfield Tree Tomato has been originated by me after eighteen years of careful selections and special methods of cultivation, until it has attained the height of 10 feet and 7 inches for the tree, and a weight for a single tomato of 34 ounces, and a diameter of 6 inches, with testimonials of over 60 pounds of ripe fruit to a single tree, of a quality that surpasses all others. Fruit ripens from July 4th until frost. I have one tree laid by for a sample, to show you or any of your customers, which measures 10 feet and 7 inches, and can show testimonials to back all my statements, and you can stake any money on them on my account, and come on for the vouchers. I had my first ripe tomato July 4th, and a fine one it was. My best trees, July 25th, stood 7 feet high, and I had tomatoes on them that were five inches in diameter at that time and still growing. They were then all liberally loaded with fruit from the blossom up to five inches, and run up as high as seventeen on one stem, and always of superior quality. They are as solid all the way through as a hard boiled egg, and but very few seeds in a tomato. There are several other tomatoes that have been called 'Tree Tomatoes,' but all have proved to be poor, worthless and sour tomatoes, but the 'Mansfield Tree Tomato' has proved to be all that is claimed for it, and sends back to me from sample seed sent out, most wonderful accounts from Dakota to Vermont, and from the Lakes to Florida and California."

The supply of seed of this Grand New Tree Tomato is yet very scarce, but I have secured all there is, which I now offer for the first time. Do not fail to include a packet in your order. Full directions for culture on printed slip in each packet. Price, per pkt., 25 cents; 5 pkts. for \$1.00, postpaid.



# "PRIDE OF THE GARDEN."

## GOLDEN SUGAR PEAS.



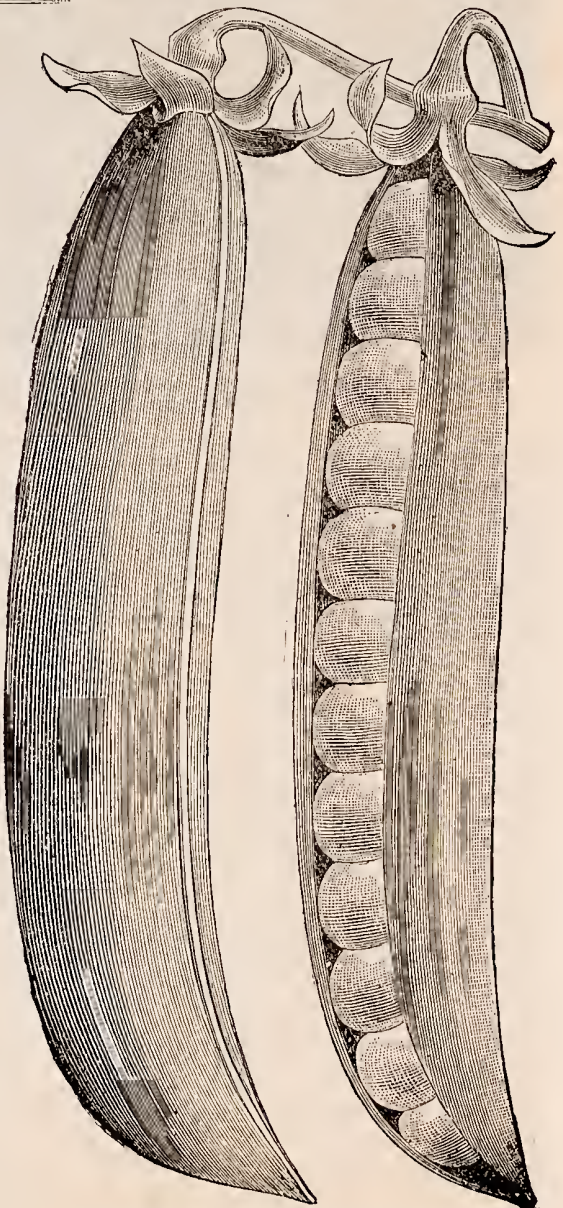
NOW OFFERED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

*(Engraved especially for Mills' Catalogue.)*

Three years ago a lady living in Ohio sent me a package of a new kind of Sugar Peas, which she said far surpassed any she ever saw, and wished me to test them in my trial grounds. She said when they moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio, over forty years ago, they carried with them seed of these Sugar Peas, and have always kept in the seed of them ever since. All other kinds of Sugar Peas have been carefully tested by the side of these, but none of them are near as excellent in any respect. I have carefully grown them for the past three years and can say I believe them to be the best Sugar Peas ever introduced, and now take pleasure in offering true and genuine seed this spring for the first time.

They are what their name indicates, "Golden Sugar," and are immensely productive, outyielding every other variety of peas. Golden Sugar produces more pods to the vine, (more bushels of pods to a given area) and shelled more peas to a bushel of pods, than any other variety. The engraving above well represents them, and was sketched and engraved by my artist. They grow from four and one-half to five feet high, of very stout growth; the foliage is a healthy green and the vines are crowded with pods. They are medium early, and one of the greatest characteristics of this new pea is, the pods are eatable, very crisp, and need but little cooking. When cooked, pods and all, I pronounce them much better than any string beans I ever saw. There are sugar peas for sale by nearly all seed houses, but they are far from being what my "Golden Sugar" is. All sugar peas I ever knew before are so sweet as to me sickish, and this is the general complaint by most every one.

Last spring I sent out sample packets for trial to a few of my customers, and the reports all gave "Golden Sugar" great praise. Read the reports on page 8 of this Catalogue. In considering the yield and size of pods, quality of both peas and pods, and the earliness of such LARGE PEAS, I pronounce the "Golden Sugar" the greatest variety ever introduced. I am sole introducer, and as my seed is yet limited, can offer it only in sealed packages. Price, per pkt., 20 cents; 3 pkts., 50 cents; 7 pkts., \$1.00, postpaid.



PODS OF THE GOLDEN SUGAR PEAS.



**MILLS' GOLD COIN OATS.****NOTED FOR LENGTH OF HEAD. NOW OFFERED FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

The above illustration shows two heads of Gold Coin Oats.

In the spring of 1886 I sowed a small trial packet of what was called the White Swede Oats. They did remarkably well that season, and during their growth I discovered one stalk which appeared to be much different in growth, it grew about one foot higher than the others; I watched its growth very carefully, and when the heads came out they were the longest I ever saw and a sight worth seeing, and did not look anything like the others. In the spring of 1887 I sowed the product of this one stalk and a very fine crop was harvested, the heads being as long as ever. In the spring of 1888, the 1887 crop was sowed, and every one who saw them growing said they were the finest field of oats they ever saw, the long heads attracting much attention. In the spring of 1889 the 1888 crop was sowed, and although the season was a very wet one, I secured an immense crop which I shall offer this season. When last season's crop was beginning to head, I measured heads about eighteen inches long, and the oats was just as thick on the stem from bottom to top as they could grow. They grow from four to four and one-half feet high, with stiff, bright straw supporting the long heads; they stool freely and yield remarkably. Last spring I distributed small packets throughout the country for trial. Reports from these tests have been most gratifying, and the few published are a fair sample of the many received. A careful reading of these will show the value of the Gold Coin Oats better than any description I can give.

**ONE HUNDRED BUSHELS TO BE GIVEN AWAY AS PRIZES.**

In order to ascertain the full capacity for producing long heads, I will give twenty prizes, of five bushels each, to the twenty persons growing the twenty longest heads on the following conditions, viz:—The chance to secure five bushels of these oats is open to every person wishing to compete for the prize; the longest head you can grow must be sent me by mail (a small box will be best to send the head in) on or before October 1st, 1890, and on October 2d, all the heads received will be carefully measured and the twenty longest picked out, and the persons who sent these heads will be at once notified, and five bushels of my 1890 crop will be shipped by freight to each of the twenty persons.

The prizes are open to the World and anyone can sow a packet in the corner of the garden, or any good place where the heavy winds will not break the heads, and raise an excellent supply of seed and some immense heads. My supply is yet small considering the large country I want them tested in during 1890, and I can only offer them in sealed packets. Who will win the prizes and what States will they come from? This will be of much interest to every one, and full particulars will be published in my 1891 Catalogue. The seed can be procured from no other seedsman in the world this year, for I have all there is that is true and genuine. Be sure to include a packet in your order. Price per packet, postpaid, 10 cents; 12 packets for \$1.00.

DECORAH, Ia., Oct. 7, 1889.

F. B. MILLS, Thorn Hill, N. Y.: Dear Sir—Yours to hand this P. M., and replying would say that the sample of Gold Coin Oats grew and looked the finest of any oats I ever saw, the straw being not only long but very stout, with abundance of leaves and immense great heads, but about the time they were in the milky state we had some very close, hot, muggy days and nights, and the rust caught them, they being planted a little late, but I think I have a few that will grow, and shall try them again by all means, as I believe they are in reality a Gold Coin to the man who has them. I do not attribute any of my failure with this

sample to the fault of the oat by any means, but to the fact that they were planted too late. The best oats here are the very early sowed. I think from what I observed in the growth of your Gold Coin Oats that they will prove a most valuable addition to our already large list of valuable varieties of oats.

(See another page for further reports.)

Yours truly,

J. STEVENS.



# PRINCE OF WALES PEAS.



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Two years ago I procured a small sample of Peas from England, which was called "Prince of Wales," and have carefully grown them on my grounds and find them of superior quality in every respect. They are far ahead of the American variety which is called "Prince of Wales." They are immensely productive, outyielding all other varieties of early peas, with the exception of "Mills' Improved American Wonder." Prince of Wales produces more pods to the vine, (more bushels of pods to a given area) and more shelled peas to a bushel of pods than any other variety of early peas. The engraving well represents a single vine. It grows 2 to 3 feet in height, and is of the most remarkable branching character. I am so well pleased with this new pea that I am offering it as one of my grand novelties for 1890. The peas are of a beautiful golden color and were greatly admired by all who saw them last season at my grounds. They are very early and worthy of a place in every family garden. Try them this year. Price of true seed per pkt., 15 cts.; 3 pkts., 40 cts., or 10 pkts. for \$1.00, postpaid.

**SPECIAL OFFER.** For \$1.15 I will send one packet each of Mansfield Tree Tomato, Golden Sugar Peas, Gold Coin Oats, Prince of Wales Peas, and one pound of New No. 10 Potato with a free packet of Potter's Superb Sweet Corn, all postpaid, to any address in United States or Canada.

These are my six grand novelties for 1890.

**A CARD.**—I wish to say to my many thousand customers that I never employ any agents to sell my seeds, nor do I place any in the hands of storekeepers to be sold on commission. My business is to supply seed direct to the planter by mail, express or freight to all parts of the world, and no matter where you live you can get "Mills' Seeds" direct from my Seed House (a view of which you can see on first page of catalogue cover), which are carefully grown under my own supervision and warranted fresh and true in every respect. I claim my novelties for 1890 are the most wonderful and valuable varieties ever offered and I especially call your attention to them, believing you will be well satisfied by giving them a trial this year. I am sending out one packet *free* of "Potter's Superb Sugar Corn" to all my customers of 1890. Can you afford to not plant this excellent corn when it can be secured free if you order a small bill of seeds? I want my books to show the largest list of customers for 1890 than ever before. Will you not send this catalogue to your friends and neighbors and get them to order some seeds direct from the grower? It is the easiest matter in the world to get my seeds—all you have to do is to select the varieties you want and write them on the order sheet and enclose it with the correct amount in a well-sealed envelope and address to me and your seeds will be at once packed and sent by mail, express or freight, or the way you direct them sent. Remember "Mills' Seeds" can only be obtained direct from headquarters.

F. B. MILLS.

## MILLS' LEADING SPECIALTIES IN VEGETABLE SEEDS.

I offer under this heading choice varieties which have been introduced before, and I make a specialty of them, because by carefully testing on my grounds I find them worthy of all the praise they are given.

### HENDERSON'S NEW BUSH LIMA BEAN.



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Thousands have been deterred from cultivating the most delicious of vegetables—the Lima Bean—from the great trouble and expense of procuring poles on which to grow them. This is now a thing of the past, as the New Bush Lima grows without the aid of stakes or poles, in compact bush form, from 15 to 18 inches high, and produces enormous crops of delicious Lima Beans, which can be as easily gathered as the common garden bush beans.

The New Bush Lima is at least *two weeks earlier* than any of the climbing limas. This fact alone would stamp it as the most valued novelty of recent years, but when in addition to this we realize that it is a true bush bean, requiring no supports, some idea of its great value can be realized.

It produces a continuous crop from the time it comes into bearing until frost, and being enormously productive, a very small patch will keep a family supplied throughout the season. Price for genuine seed, per pkt., 15 cts.; 2 pkts., 25 cts.; 5 pkts., 50 cts.; or 12 pkts. for \$1.00.



**NEW ZEALAND FIG TOMATO.**

A beautiful and valuable variety of tomato from New Zealand, where it is highly prized and much used for making figs, which are said to be equal to the best Smyrna figs, when cured and dried in a manner peculiar to the natives themselves. The beautiful golden yellow fruit is borne in clusters of 8 or 10 perfect tomatoes on one stem. The plant grows in the form of a bush, 2 to 2½ feet high, literally covered with rich golden fruit, making it a remarkably pleasing and attractive feature to the garden or lawn. When 18 inches or 2 feet high the plant should be staked or trellised to prevent its being broken down with the immense load of fruit. The beautiful miniature tomatoes are about 1 inch in diameter, perfectly round and as even in size as if they all had been cast in one mould. The skin and flesh are a rich golden yellow, solid, thick meated, with a flavor similar to other tomatoes, but much sweeter and more palatable. For preserving or pickling they are perfectly delicious, and when canned or

dried in sugar, like figs, make excellent pies or tarts for winter use. Pkt., 10 cents; 3 pkts., 25 cents.

**EARLY CONQUEROR SWEET CORN.**

This new variety I secured from a prominent market gardener, and this year offer it. It is of good size, early and is delicious and sugary in flavor. It ripens up about the same time as the Marblehead and Minnesota, and is in every way more desirable, the ears being larger in size and more handsome in appearance, and also much sweeter and finer in quality. It is very productive, frequently producing three or four good ears to the stalk. My stock is extra nice and I offer it at 10 cts. per pkt. or 30 cts. per pint.

**THE JAPANESE PUMPKIN.**

The small illustration above correctly shows the shape and extremely small seed cavity,—all the balance being solid meat throughout, which is of extra fine quality. The seeds are distinct in appearance, being curiously sculptured in the manner of Chinese letters. It is a very productive variety, the pumpkins ripen early, of medium size, good keepers and weigh 15 to 20 lbs. each. As to their quality one enthusiastic grower says: "No other pumpkin or squash that has ever been introduced can vie with the Japanese for their excellent qualities and exceedingly fine flavor when cooked. The flesh is a rich salmon color, unusually fine grained, and when cooked or stewed is almost as dry and mealy as a sweet potato. For making pies, custards, etc., they certainly have no equal. Containing but little water, they can easily be cut and dried, like dried apples, and make excellent pies or

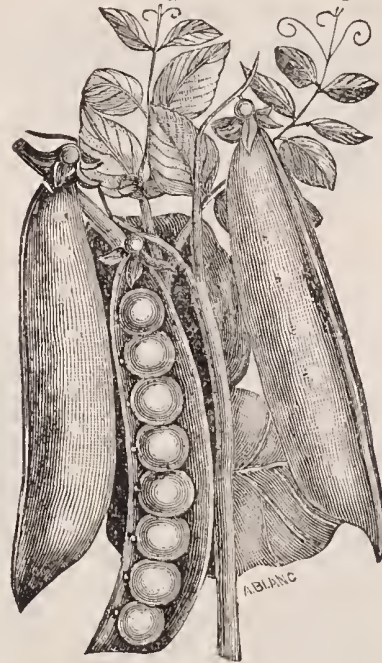
sauce for winter use. *We will venture to say, that pies made from the Japanese Pumpkin, without eggs, are fully as good, or better, than pies made from any other variety when eggs are used.*"

Pkt., 10 cts.; 3 pkts., 25 cts.

**BLUE BEAUTY PEAS.**

Blue Beauty Pea is somewhat difficult to describe; or at least convey an idea of its distinctive feature, that is, its unusually smooth, level and regular habit of growth.

With me in garden trials it grew everywhere in



BLUE BEAUTY PEAS.

the row to a uniform height of 18 inches, and was so smooth and level in its growth that it resembled a well kept hedge. It is a blue, round pea, and is nearly as early as the American Wonder. The pods, of medium size, are borne in the greatest profusion, and are well filled for so early a pea. In quality and flavor Blue Beauty cannot be surpassed; every one who tries this distinct and fine Pea this season will

verify this opinion. Pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. 25 cts.; pt. 40 cts.

**PEACH TOMATO.**

This tomato represents one of the strangest freaks of nature I know of; and the strangest part of it is, that it is unlike most strange things by being remarkably good. It strongly resembles a medium sized peach in size, form and color. Its fruity ap-



pearance is further carried out by the texture of the flesh. There is no glossy outside skin, but a firm fleshy texture that makes it unnecessary to peel. The entire fruit is tender, and entirely free from any core or hardness around the stem. In appearance it is striking and extremely handsome, but few people ever imagine it is a tomato. For quality it is so far superior to any tomato I have, there is nothing to compare it with in this line. It has a delicious, fruity flavor, slightly tinged with a sub-acid tomato flavor. It can be eaten from the hand like a peach, and with equal relish. For preserves and all other uses it is equally desirable. Packet, 10 cents; 3 pkts., 25 cents.

### GOLDEN CUSTARD SQUASH.



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The cut conveys a very good idea of this valuable new variety, which exceeds in size any of the scalloped edged sorts, frequently attaining a diameter of 2 feet. The color is a dark rich golden yellow, and for quality cannot be excelled. It grows in bush form and is wonderfully productive. Pkt., 20 cts; 3 pkts. for 50 cts.

### What They Say About my Golden Sugar Peas.

TROY, PERRY CO., IND., Oct. 21, 1889.

*F. B. Mills, Dear Sir:*—I take pleasure in letting you know that the Golden Sugar Peas were extra and I saved them all for seed. Yours truly,  
GODARD PAULIN.

ALFRED, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1889.

*F. B. Mills, Dear Sir:*—The Golden Sugar Peas you sent me for trial was planted, but as the wet weather came on only four of them grew. It was a very wet season and you know they could not do half as well, but I got 814 peas from the four plants that grew. I think them just the Pea for the garden. Yours truly,  
L. S. JOHNSON.

JACKSON C. H., W. Va., Oct. 27, 1889.

*Mr. F. B. Mills, Dear Sir:*—Will let you know that the seeds you sent, all done well and gave good satisfaction. Was well pleased with the Golden Sugar Peas, and think the Gold Coin Oats well adapted to this climate, they do not need to be sown as thick as other kinds.

Yours truly,  
L. G. CASTO.

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 15, 1889.

*F. B. Mills, Dear Sir:*—The Golden Sugar Peas are A No. 1 and have saved every one for seed next year.

Yours truly,  
E. STRESOW.

CHADDS FORD, Pa., Nov. 9, 1889.

*F. B. Mills, Dear Sir:*—I was pleased with the Golden Sugar Peas and think they will be quite an acquisition to the list of peas as soon as you introduce them. Am very much obliged for the sample.

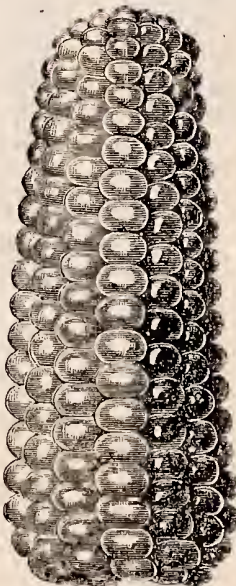
Yours truly,  
THOS. H. BRINTON.

### Choice Pansy Plants—Mixed Colors.

I will send 12 very choice Pansy Plants for 20 cts. or 25 for 30 cts.; all nicely packed and post-paid, to any address. They will be my selection of choice varieties. I grow Pansy Plants by the million. Send me an order.

Seeds at less than 2 cts. per packet. For 10 cts. I will send 6 packets of choice flower seeds, my own selection, by mail, postpaid.

### GOLDEN TOM THUMB POP CORN.



The stalks grow only eighteen inches high, and each stalk produces two or three perfect little ears, only 2 to 2½ inches long, completely filled with bright, golden yellow grains, which, when popped, expand to a large size. On one stalk I measured three ears, starting from within six inches of ground. The stalks do not stool, and each stalk averages five leaves, which are of an extra dark-green color. In a word, it is a perfect miniature corn, most distinct, from its handsome dwarf growth. It attracted marked attention in my trial grounds, where it appeared as a pigmy among giants. Three to four stalks should be left standing in a hill. So ornamental and compact is the growth that I am quite sure it will be a feature of many flower gardens. It grows very quickly, and the ears are ready to gather by August 1st. Per pkt., 10 cents; 3 pkts. for 25 cents; per ear, 10 cents.



**NORTH POLE POTATO.**

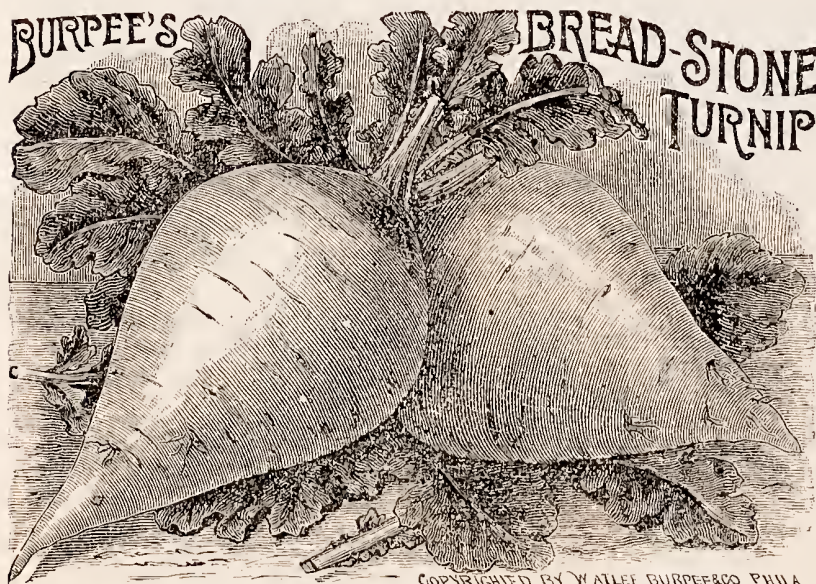
The earliest of all potatoes and comes from northern Maine. In the climate of New York, it is fit for the table early in June, being far ahead of the Early Rose, or any other sort I have tested. It is of medium size, smooth, white and handsome, and in quality the finest of any potato I have ever eaten, being extremely fine grained and mealy, and having a delicious flavor peculiar to itself. My stock of it being as yet small, I cannot offer it by the peck or bushel. Price of tubers by mail, post-paid, 10 cents each; 6 for 50 cents; 15 for \$1.00, post-paid.

**GOLDEN OBLONG PUMPKIN.**

They grow very uniform, from fifteen to twenty inches in length; the outer color is a rich golden orange, or old gold; the skin, while thin, is tough, making it almost as good a keeper for winter use as the hard-shell winter squashes. The fruit, when young, is dark green, and changes to a rich golden yellow as it ripens. The flesh is light yellow in color, of very rich, fine quality, and has been pronounced by lovers of pumpkin pies the very best they have ever had for this purpose. It is thoroughly established, and distinct from all other varieties in cultivation. As to the prolific character of the Golden Oblong, the introducer states that one of his customers, to whom he sent a few seed for trial, wrote that he counted fourteen good pumpkins on one vine. Packet, 10 cents; 3 packets 25 cents.

**GREEN AND GOLD WATERMELON.**

This beautiful variety, introduced last season, has stepped into public favor at once. The Melons are of good size, ranging from 25 to 45 pounds in weight. It is the largest early variety in cultivation, and its productiveness is equal to any of the red-fleshed sorts, while in delicious flavor it surpasses them all. The rind is the thinnest of any melon I have ever seen, the white being only from  $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in thickness. The flesh is a beautiful golden orange color, free from any tinge of white or other color even immediately around the seeds. The flesh is beautifully granular in appearance, juicy and sweet, and, as I have already stated, of unequalled flavor. Says the introducer:—The gentleman in Georgia from whom we procured this distinct variety wrote us under date of July 8th, 1887, that he had almost despaired of being able to send us specimens of this variety, for although there were acres upon acres of melons of all kinds in his vicinity, the colored citizens had discovered the vastly superior qualities of the Green and Gold, and had raided the patch to such an extent that it was only by being obliged to make an example of one of them by peppering him with bird-shot that he was able to save the remnant of his crop. When our customers taste this delicious melon they will be able to appreciate the discriminating taste of the sable citizen who took such risks to get at this, the choicest type of his favorite fruit. Independent of the delicious flavor of the Green and Gold Watermelon, its rich golden color will make it most desirable as an ornament for the table, especially if its golden slices are arranged in contrast with the crimson of the older sorts. Packet, 10 cents; 3 packets, 25 cents.



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perfectly white, fine grained, and cooks in only fifteen minutes, remarkably tender and very sweet; it is the finest table Turnip for Winter and Spring use I have ever seen. Packet, 10 cents; 3 packets, 25 cents; ounce, 20 cents.

Says the introducer of this new Turnip:—Having previously heard for some time of a very fine variety of Turnip in the possession of I. L. Ketcham, of Jericho, L. I., two years ago, in October, 1887, we accepted his invitation to spend the evening with him and enjoy a dish of his Turnips for supper. The rare quality was duly appreciated by us, and the next morning, in looking over his crop, we eagerly accepted his offer to furnish us with the few pounds of seed that he had saved. Our illustration, engraved from nature, shows the shape of these Turnips. They are of medium size, very quick growing, and the roots are very smooth, white, with faint-colored tops. The flesh is





desirable and splendid for pot plants, as they keep their bright, vivid red and deep golden color, and will continue to bloom and bear peppers all Winter if potted and taken in the house. They are of superior quality used as hot peppers, having a clear, sharp flavor. Price, 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

This new and wonderful productive pepper is an introduction from China only two years ago, and certainly is one of the most beautiful, interesting and useful plants ever brought to this country. They are extremely hardy, grow on a strong, upright bush,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 feet high, branch in a perfect pyramidal form and studded with peppers from the base up. They commence to bear early in the season and continue to bloom and bear peppers until killed by hard freezing. The splendid peppers are  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inches long, uniform and perfect in shape, and so thickly cover the bush as to almost hide the foliage. No words can describe the splendor of a bush of these beautiful peppers when commencing to ripen. Up to the time they are fully grown they are a rich creamy yellow. When beginning to ripen they turn an intense scarlet red, frequently being a rich golden yellow on one side and a deep polished red on the other, making the plant an object of the most striking beauty imaginable. They are all carried upright, as seen in the engraving, and are highly ornamental either for the garden or flower-bed. They are also

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The following described Vegetable Seeds will be found to include nearly all the standard and reliable varieties in general cultivation. As I grow these Seeds under my own special care and attention, watching them daily from the time they are planted until they are harvested, cleaned and packed ready for sale, and as I am careful to discard all those that are not perfect, my customers can rely upon getting those that are first-class in every respect, fresh and true to name.

My aim is to supply only the best, and my stock this year is far superior to any I have ever offered since I have been in the Seed business.

Please remember I pay postage on all seeds in packet, ounce, one-quarter pound, and pound, pint or quart, and if you order them sent by express or freight, deduct at the rate of 8 cents per pound, or 12 cents per quart, from Catalogue prices. Purchasers remitting \$1.00 can select seed in packets from this Catalogue amounting to \$1.25, which will be sent by mail postpaid.

Should you have no use for this Catalogue, I will esteem it a great favor if you will hand it to some friend who has a garden and will want Seeds.

## ASPARAGUS.

**Conover's Colossal**—A large variety of rapid growth; shoots from one to two inches in diameter. Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 20 cents; one pound, 55 cents.

## BEANS—DWARF OR BUSH.

All postpaid. In most catalogues you have to add postage.

**Henderson's Bush Lima**—See specialties.

## GREEN POD SORTS.

**Early Red Valentine**—Desirable for either market or family use, being early, productive, tender, and of excellent flavor. The pods are

round, somewhat curled, and the seeds, when ripe, salmon, speckled with purplish rose. Packet, 5 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint, 12 cents; 1 pint, 20 cents; 1 quart, 35 cents.

**New Bush Bean, Ne Plus Ultra**—This most valuable bean is, as its name indicates, the Ne Plus Ultra of all sorts. It differs from all the other varieties in both seed and habit of growth. It is very early, growing very dwarf and compact, and producing its magnificent long pods in such great profusion as to completely hide the bush. It is very hardy, of fine, delicate flavor, and the most productive variety ever offered. Price, per pkt., 5 cts.; pint, 25 cts.; quart, 40 cts.



**Early Mohawk**—Very early and will stand more cold than most of the bush varieties. Both this and the preceding sort are largely grown in the Southern States for Northern markets. The pods are from five to six inches long; the seeds when ripe, drab with purple spots. Packet, 5 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint, 12 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.



PROLIFIC TREE BEAN.

**Prolific Tree Bean**—This new dwarf variety is the most prolific yet known; grows 18 inches high, branching like a tree, bearing its pods so high that they do not touch the ground, and are not injured by wet weather. Fifty to sixty bushels per acre have been obtained on good ordinary soil, and over 200 pods have been counted on one vine. They should be planted in rows  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet apart, and 18 to 20 inches in a row, and only one bean in a hill, if planted thicker than this they will not do near as well. Time of maturity 90 days, and ripen all at once. Packet, 5 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint, 12 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Low's Champion Bush**—This new bush bean is well adapted to the table, garden and market. Being entirely stringless, it is extremely tender, and of exquisite flavor as a string bean. The pods are large and long in shape, containing from five to eight beans each. Says the originator:—"On less than one-eighth of an acre it yielded seven and one-half bushels of clean, hand-picked seed beans." Price, per pkt., 5 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint, 12 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Canadian Wonder Bush**—A new string bean of dwarf habit, very productive, pods long, and exceptionally large, the vines are the stoniest and the leaves the largest of any bean I have ever raised. The color of a rich dark rose. Packet, 5 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint, 12 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Yellow California**—A standard variety of good quality, early and productive. Price, per pkt., 5 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Crystal White Wax**—Pods of fair size, rich and tender flavor; in color waxy white, and almost as transparent as glass. It is a stringless variety, very productive. An excellent variety for canning purposes. Price, per pkt., 5 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 40 cents.

**Black Wax**—When ripe the pods are yellow, averaging seven inches in length, very tender and of the best quality. Seeds when ripe glossy black. Price, per pkt., 5 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 40 cents.

#### BEANS—POLE OR RUNNING.

**Early Golden Cluster Wax**—The very earliest of all the pole varieties. This new pole Bean is fully two weeks ahead of other pole varieties, and fully as early as any of the bush varieties.

In a green state the beans are white, and nearly as large as the Lima, and when cooked possess the rich flavor of that variety to such an extent that it is difficult to distinguish them from Limas. They are frequently fit for the table before Lima Beans commence to blossom. They are very productive, and continue in bearing a long time. Price, per pkt., 5 cts.; pint, 40 cts.

**Lazy Wife's Pole Bean**—This variety originated in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where, for a number of years, it has been the most popular Pole Bean grown. Pods are wonderfully broad, thick, fleshy, and, above all, entirely stringless. In these respects, they surpass any other I know of. Then, again, the pods retain their rich, stringless, and tender qualities until they are almost ripe; so much so, in fact, that I am perfectly safe in saying that they are the best in all Snap Shorts. Try a few. Price, per pkt., 5 cts.; pint, 30 cts.

**Dutch Case Knife**—This is an early variety of Pole Beans. Pods long and flat, beans white, flat, kidney-shaped, and of excellent flavor; good green or dry. Price, per pkt., 5 cts.; pint, 25 cts.; quart, 35 cts.

#### BEETS.

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**Eclipse**—The Eclipse is remarkable, not only for its wonderfully rapid growth, but also for the smallness of top and extra fine quality. It is fully as early as the Egyptian, and of better quality. The roots grow perfectly smooth, of round shape, intense blood-red skin and flesh, fine grained and sweet. Its small top, extreme earliness, and heavy cropping qualities, recommend it to market gardeners. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.

**The Lentz Beet**—This new strain of Blood Turnip Beet originated in the Lentz family, who have for many years been the most prominent market gardeners around Philadelphia. This beet, as selected and grown by them, has had a great local reputation, but the seed has been carefully guarded and kept, until now, in the hands of a very few gardeners, to whom it has been a source of great profit. It is fully as early as the Egyptian, but larger and of better quality, making a fine market crop in six to seven weeks from sowing, of fine turnip form, with smooth roots, dark blood-red flesh, tender and sweet at all times, never becoming tough and stringy, even when old. Grows a very small top, productive and a perfect keeper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.



THE LENTZ BEET.

**Dewing's Improved Blood Turnip**—Fine turnip form, very symmetrical in shape, and free from any fibrous roots. Flesh deep blood-red, very tender and sweet; grows uniformly to a good size. Early, and when sown late, desirable for winter. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.

**Long Smooth Blood-Red Beet**—An excellent late variety, both for table and cattle. The beets are long and smooth, the flesh is a deep blood red, very sweet and tender. It can be planted earlier than the Turnip Beets, as it attains a large size and well resists the hot, dry weather of



the summer. To produce a large crop, the seed should be sown not later than the middle of June. These beets keep well throughout the winter when carefully stored. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20 cts.; per lb., 45 cts.

**The Early Egyptian Turnip Beet**—This, next to the Eclipse and Lentz, is the earliest of all early turnip beets. In fact, some claim it to be earlier than the Eclipse. Roots turnip-shape; intensely dark red flesh and skin; tender and sweet when young, but apt to get hard, woody when old or full grown. For winter use, should be sown late and pulled before full grown. Per pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.

**Sugar Beets and Mangel Wurzels**—Grown for feeding stock. The value of these for stock feeding cannot be over-estimated. The results from their use are wonderful, as is clearly shown in the improved health and condition of animals, the increased yield of milk in cows, and the great saving of hay. They can be raised at a very trifling cost, and selected seed will yield immense crops per acre. Five to six pounds of seed required per acre.

The prices for one pound or less include postage. At the special low prices for large quantities by express, the cost of postage (8 cts. per lb.) must be added if the seed is ordered to be sent by mail.

**Improved Mammoth Prize Long Red Mangel** (also called Norbitan Giant and Jumbo Mangel)—The heaviest cropping and best long Mangel. This mammoth variety grows to an immense size, single roots weighing 20 to 30 lbs. each, and always of very fine texture and good quality. It is remarkable for the broad shoulder and massive shape of the root, by which a great weight is obtained, without that coarseness inherent in the unimproved strains of seed. In England it has produced from 60 to 75 tons of roots per acre, and is most valuable for stock feeding. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20 cts.; per lb., 45 cts. By express, 5 lbs. at 30 cts.; 10 lbs. or over at 25 cts. per lb.

**Red Globe Mangel**—This variety does not attain to the large size characteristic of both mangels, but is remarkable for its earliness and its smooth, symmetrical, globe-shaped roots. The roots are seldom over eight inches in length, but the length is fully equaled by the diameter, and as they can be grown very closely together they make as large a bulk per acre as the sugar beets. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20 cts.; per lb., 45 cts. By express, 35 cts. per lb.; 5 lbs. or more at 30 cts. per lb.

**Lane's Improved Sugar Beet**—This is the most popular, profitable and productive variety of sugar beets in cultivation. For feeding cattle, sheep, or swine, it has no equal. This beet will



LANE'S IMPROVED SUGAR BEET. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20 cts.; per lb., 45 cts. By express, 5 lbs. at 30 cts. per lb.

yield from 30 to 40 tons per acre, at a cost of five cents per bushel. It is the one best adapted to the soil and climate of the United States, and most valuable of any for stock feeding purposes. The beets grow to a large size and are even more perfect in shape than shown in the illustration. Very free from side roots, easily grown, and excellent keepers. I would recommend Lane's Improved Sugar to my friends and customers who anticipate growing beets for feeding purposes as it is certainly one of the most profitable and valuable kinds in cultivation; unsurpassed in purity and excellence. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20

## MILLS' SUPERIOR CABBAGE SEEDS.

I exercise great care in the growth and selection of my seed stocks, and know that the Cabbage Seed sold by me is unsurpassed in quality, and vastly superior to the seed generally sold. As a crop of Cabbages depend very much, or almost entirely, on the quality of the seed sown, it certainly is of the utmost importance that persons who intend growing this crop with success should be very particular about the seed they sow. I do not claim to have the only good cabbage seed in the country, but I do claim to have the very best, and as good and reliable, as any that can be found. I confine myself to those varieties that have, after years of culture, proven reliable, good quality, productive and good headers. Prices are by mail, postpaid. If wanted by express, deduct 8 cents per pound from price.

**Early Dwarf York**—This old and well established sort still has its favorites among many. Pkt., 5 cents; oz., 15 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35 cents.

**Large French Oxheart**—A fine heart-shaped cabbage, coming in use after Early York and other early sorts; very tender and fine flavored, and heads freely. Price, per pkt., 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40 cents.

**Early Winningstadt**—A well-known and very popular early variety, in season very close to the Wakefield; heads large, decidedly conical, leaves bright, glossy green; heads solid and hard,

even in summer. This is a very sure-heading variety, valuable not only for early use, but also for winter cabbage. Per pkt., 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50 cents.

**Extra Early Etampes Cabbage**—This is decidedly the earliest cabbage in cultivation. The heads are oblong, rounded on the top, very solid, firm, crisp, tender and extra fine flavor, while it seldom fails to make nice plump heads. It is about one week or ten days earlier than any other cabbage and very desirable for private families or early market gardeners. Pkt., 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60 cents; pound, \$2.00.



**Early Jersey Wakefield**—(Henderson's Improved.) This well-established variety needs no recommendation. I will only say my seed has been grown from selected heads of Henderson's improved stock, and is warranted superior to much of the seed sold for Jersey Wakefield Cabbage. It is more largely planted by market gardeners and truckers than any other early cabbage, and if grown from a good strain of seed, never fails to make a satisfactory crop. Never buy cheap seed of this variety. Pkt., 10 cents; ounce, 25 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 75 cents; pound, \$2.00.



FOTTLER'S IMPROVED BRUNSWICK.

**Fottler's Improved Brunswick**—This is positively the earliest and best of the large Drumhead varieties. For a late Summer or early Fall variety it certainly has no equal and will produce a larger percentage of fine heads than any other ripening at the same time. This variety is largely planted by our best cabbage growers and market gardeners. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50 cts.

**Large Flat Blood Red**—Pure, for pickling. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40 cts.

**Premium Flat Dutch**—Heads well and keeps over finely. Price, per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.



LARGE FLAT DUTCH.

**Large Flat Dutch**—A low-growing variety; heads large, bluish-green, round, solid, broad and flat on top; of fine quality. My strain of this cabbage has been carefully selected, and can be recommended to market gardeners as next best to Surehead and Drumhead. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60 cts.

**Improved Large Late Drumhead**—The old-fashioned Drumhead Cabbage, planted by our forefathers fifty years ago, and which had been nearly run out and lost sight of by new and foreign varieties, has of late years been improved by good culture and careful selections of heads of the proper type, until we now have a very superior strain. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40 cts.

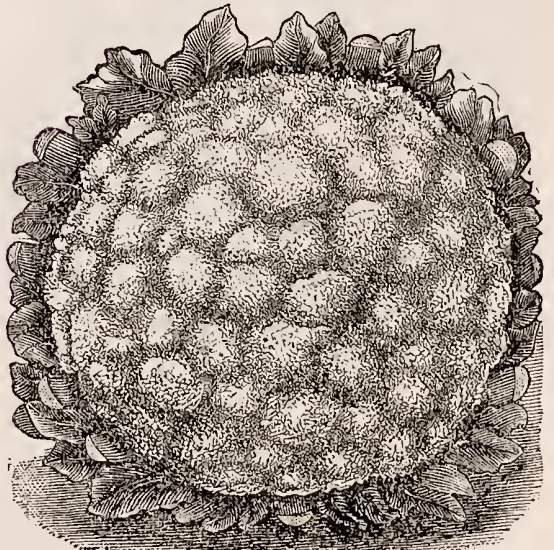
**Surehead**—It is rightly named Surehead, as it never fails to make a remarkably fine solid head, with but few outer leaves. It is a strong, vigorous grower, ripening late for a main crop, and always brings the highest price in our markets. It is very sweet flavored, keeps well, is a good shipper, and a general favorite with market gardeners and large growers of cabbages. With a favorable season the heads will grow to a large size, frequently twenty inches in diameter, and will often weigh as high as forty pounds. It is second to none as a main crop cabbage, and as my seed stock has been selected with the utmost care, I particularly recommend it to all cabbage growers. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 50 cts.



DWARF GREEN SAVOY.

**Dwarf Green Savoy**—One of the finest flavored cabbages in cultivation, in quality almost equal to cauliflower, and is preferred by epicures above all others. Mostly used for boiling, being extra tender and fine flavored when cooked. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 75 cts.

## CAULIFLOWER.



EARLY SNOWBALL.

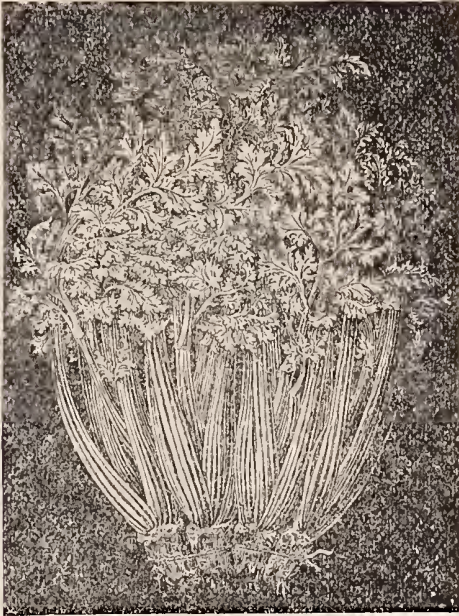
**Early Snowball**—(Henderson's)—This is one of the new varieties lately introduced, and has proved a great success wherever tried. Seeds sown by March 1st have produced fine heads 12 inches across by June 10th. It has proven to be a sure header, and if given half a chance will seldom fail to form fine, large heads. This variety can be as easily grown as cabbage, and should be found in every man's garden, both rich and poor. The seed I offer is superior to much sold in the country under the head of Early Snowball. Pkt., 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., \$2.25; oz., \$4.00.



**Early Dwarf Erfurt**—(true)—Justly popular everywhere for extra earliness, and one of the best; large compact heads. Per pkt., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 75 cts.; oz., \$1.25;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., \$4.00.

**Early Paris**—Early and fine, short stalk, white. Price per pkt., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 50 cts.

### CELERY.



WHITE PLUME CELERY.

**White Plume**—A new variety specially adapted for cultivation by amateurs, as its inner stalks and leaves are naturally white and do not require blanching by the old process of high banking. By simply tying up the stalks and drawing up the soil with the hoe, the work of blanching is complete. It is ornamental, tender, crisp and of good flavor. Price per pkt., 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 15 cts.; oz., 30 cts.

**Golden Heart**—This is a very solid dwarf variety and an excellent keeper. In habit of growth it is sturdy, and much resembles the half-dwarf white variety. It is a most popular sort with our Philadelphia market gardeners. Keeps well during the winter. When blanched, the heart, which is large and full, is of a waxy, golden yellow, rendering it very striking and showy. One of the best likewise for private use. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

**Crawford's Half Dwarf**—A new and extra fine variety; extensively grown by market gardeners; intermediate between the dwarf and large sorts; of a rich, nutty color, vigorous growth. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

### CARROTS.

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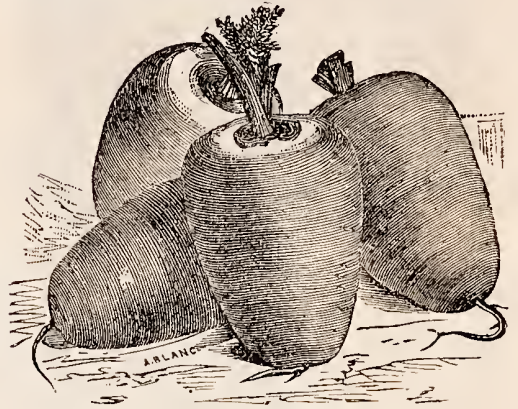
**Danvers**—A new variety. It is of medium length, rich, dark orange color, very smooth and handsome, easily dug. Yields an immense bulk with the shortest length of root. Is a first-class carrot for any soil. The seed I offer is from carefully selected stock. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.; pound, \$1.00.

**Improved Long Orange**—This is one of the best late, deep orange-colored varieties for general culture as well as the garden; preferred by dairy-men for stock. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; pound, 90 cts.

**Coreless Long Red**—A beautiful variety, growing twelve to sixteen inches long and two to three inches in diameter; stump-rooted, of perfect form, very rich color, and excellent quality. For

private table use and for market this is one of the best long carrots. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40 cts.

**Large White Belgian**—This attains the largest size, and will yield more in bulk than any sort grown. The root is thick and long, growing from one-quarter to one-third of its length above the surface. The flesh is of a light green or bronze color above the soil, while that portion growing under the ground is a yellowish white. In heavy cropping it rivals the mangel wurzel, and, owing to its growth partly above the ground, the crop can be pulled by hand, if a furrow is plowed close to the side of the row to loosen the soil. It produces a large crop of leaves, which make an excellent soiling food if fed when the crop is harvested. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20 cts.; per lb., 65 cts. By express, at expense of purchaser, 5 lbs. or more at 50 cts. per lb.



OX-HEART CARROT.

**Ox-Heart, or Guerande**—This new Carrot comes from France and is a decided advance in shape, as shown in the illustration. It is intermediate in length, between the half long varieties (such as Danvers) and the Short Horn Carrot, but much thicker than the latter, attaining at the top from three to four inches in diameter. It is of very fine quality for table use. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45 cts.; per lb., \$1.40.

### SUGAR CORN.

Sugar Corn is one of my leading specialties in the seed trade and I grow large quantities of some of the best varieties for seed purposes. My customers can depend upon the best in the market and that which will be sure to vegetate, as I take especial care in drying and curing. Sugar Corn, as a general thing, should not be planted until ground is warm and weather settled, as it is very susceptible of cold and is more liable to rot in the ground than common field corn.

Prices quoted are by mail postpaid. If wanted by freight or express, deduct 10 cts. per quart from prices.

**Potter's Superb** (see novelties)—One packet free to every person ordering any seeds from this catalogue in 1890. The handsomest Sweet Corn in cultivation and you ought to have it. None will be sold at any price this year.

**Early Conqueror** (see specialties).

**Early Orange**—Presenting to the public this new and distinct variety after a thorough trial, I pronounce it one of the most valuable of all recent introductions for family use. With the exception of the New Cory, it is the earliest variety I have ever grown. It grows vigorously, producing two to three good ears to a stalk. The seed, when dry, is of a beautiful golden color, hence its name derived. Try it. Pkt., 5 cts.; pt., 20 cts.; qt., 35 cts.

**Marblehead Early**—Extra early, maturing in seventy days, while roasting ears have been picked in sixty-one days from time of planting. Stalks



about four feet high, and ears set low down; ears of medium size. Pkt., 5 cts.; pt., 20 cts.; qt., 35 cts.

**Stowell's Evergreen**—This variety is more largely planted than any other, being the general favorite with canners and market gardeners, for late use. It is very productive, the ears are of large size, grains deep, exceptionally tender and sugary, and remain for a long time in an edible condition. This variety, with one or two of the early varieties for a succession, is necessary to every garden. My stock is very fine and specially recommended to truckers and canners. Per pkt., 5 cts.; pt., 20 cts.; qt., 35 cts.

**Black Mexican**—This is acknowledged by all the sweetest Sugar Corn that grows; not as early as some, but exceedingly sweet, sugary and delicious. For epicures and private gardens it has never yet been equalled. By mail—pkt., 5 cts.; pt., 20 cts.; qt., 40 cts.

### THE CORY CORN.



The earliest of all sweet corn. Repeated and impartial tests, not only of varieties already known, but also of new early varieties, claiming to be as early or earlier than the Cory, have proved to me that the Cory is undoubtedly the earliest of all and the very best extra early sweet corn. It originated on Rhode Island, with Jos. Cor- who for some years had a monopoly of the earliest sweet corn sent to the markets of Providence, Newport, Fall River and New Bedford. Gradually a few of his neighbors obtained some of the seed, and from this it was introduced to the public. Every gardener will appreciate the great value of The Cory Corn when we state that the ears are larger than either the Marblehead or Minnesota, and that they are ready to market from five to ten days before the Marblehead Extra Early, which previously was the earliest sweet corn grown. Prices of the Cory Corn, pure, carefully grown and selected for seed: Large pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts., postpaid. By express or freight, per qt., 25 cts.; 2 qts. 40 cts.; 4 qts. 70 cts.; per peck \$1.25.

### POP CORN.

**Golden Tom Thumb** (see specialties).

**White Rice**—A splendid variety for popping purposes; grains sharply pointed. Pkt., 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt., 15 cts.; pt., 25 cts.

### BROOM CORN.

**Tall Evergreen**—A standard variety. Lb., 35 cts.; 3 lbs., \$1, postpaid; peck, \$1; bush., \$2.

### CUCUMBERS.

Cucumber Seed is a very important article with market gardeners and pickling establishments. My seed is all northern grown from carefully selected stock seed. The prices quoted below are for the seed postpaid by mail. If wanted by express or freight, deduct 8 cts. per lb.

**Early Russian**—Earliest in cultivation; hardy, prolific, and only about three inches long; fine for pickles, and unsurpassed for table use, being remarkably solid, with very few seeds and of best quality. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.; per lb., 90 cts.

**Early Green Cluster**—A short, prickly, seedy variety, bearing in clusters near the root; color pale green. It is a great bearer and matures early. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; lb., 70 cts.

**Perfection Early White Spine**—The first and most important feature in growing cucumbers for market is to obtain the choicest seed stock for planting. Most of the crops grown are very much mixed, and of inferior quality. Perfection is regarded by growers as the finest and purest stock grown. It is not only the very earliest, but it produces Cucumbers of the finest form and most salable size for shipping purposes. It was introduced two years since, and is already being grown by the most extensive Cucumber cultivators in this country. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.; lb., 90 cts.



PERFECTION EARLY WHITE SPINE CUCUMBER.

**Long Green**—An old standard variety, about one foot in length, color dark green. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; one lb., 90 cts.

**Nichols' Medium Green Cucumber**—This new variety is pronounced unequalled as a



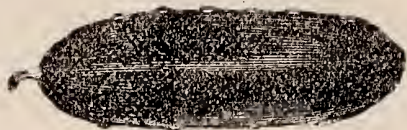
NICHOLS' MEDIUM GREEN CUCUMBER.

pickle sort, while it has also been greatly praised as an early market variety; for slicing for table use it is very much liked by all who have tested it. It originated with Mr. Nichols, an extensive grower for market. The name "Medium Green" is descriptive of the size, it being longer than the White Spine, but not so long as the Long Green. The cucumbers are very thick through, considerably thicker than the White Spine, and are full at both ends. The skin is light green in color and very smooth. The cucumbers are handsome in appearance, and of fine quality for table use. The vines are vigorous in growth and very productive. The cucumbers are generally uniform, both in size and shape. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.; per lb., \$1.

**Early Green Prolific, or Boston Pickling**—Under the former name best known, this Cucumber is, by Massachusetts gardeners, called Boston Pickling. It is sufficient praise to say that it is equal to the Arlington or Peerless White Spine, for pickling, and that it is immensely productive. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; per lb., 85 cts.



**Evergreen White Spine**—This variety differs from the ordinary White Spine in the fact of always remaining of a deep green color in all stages of growth. It grows extra long, of handsome, smooth shape, quite early, and very prolific; the flesh being unusually tender and crisp. Altogether it is a most welcome and valuable acquisition for pickling, market or the table. We hope every lover of fine cucumbers will try the Evergreen White Spine. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.; lb., \$1.00.



PEERLESS WHITE SPINE CUCUMBER.

**Peerless White Spine**—Certainly one of the finest strains of White Spine in cultivation. The fruit is of good size, straight and well formed; full at both ends; skin deep green, holding color until mature; immensely productive and comes early. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; lb., 80 cts.

### EGG PLANT.

**New York Improved Large Purple**—The leading market variety; of large size, skin deep purple, smooth, free of thorns; flesh white, of excellent quality; very productive. Our seed is an extra selected strain of superior quality. Per pkt., 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 30 cts.; oz., 50 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., \$1.50.

**Black Pekin**—A very handsome and valuable variety, of nearly round shape, fruits of large size; skin jet black, glossy and smooth; flesh white, very solid, fine grained and delicate in flavor. Matures early and is very prolific. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 45 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., \$1.25.

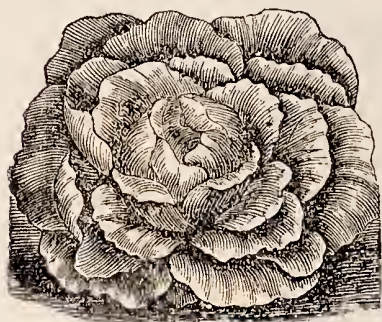
### GOURDS.

**Sugar Trough Gourds**—These Gourds are useful for many household purposes, such as buckets, baskets, nest-boxes, soap and salt dishes, and for storing the Winter's lard. They grow to hold from 4 to 10 gallons each, have thick, hard shells, very light but durable, having been kept in use as long as 10 years. Pkt., 10 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

**Dipper**—So named from its resemblance in shape to a dipper. The capacity varies from a pint to a quart and a half, with handles 6 to 12 inches long. They are convenient for dipping hot liquids, as the handles do not heat through readily. Pkt., 10 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

### LETTUCE.

**Silver Ball**—As shown in the illustration, this



SILVER BALL LETTUCE.

lettuce produces a beautiful head, very firm, solid and compact, with handsomely curled leaves. The head is of an attractive, silvery-white color, very rich, buttery, and of most delicious flavor. It comes early and stands a long while before running to seed. An excellent variety, both for early spring and summer use. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 70 cts.

**Hanson**—Improved hard-heading stock. I have a very fine stock of this popular Lettuce, and can recommend it as one of the very best. Heads green outside and white within; grow to a remarkable size, very solid, and are deliciously sweet, crisp and tender, even to the outer leaves. It stands

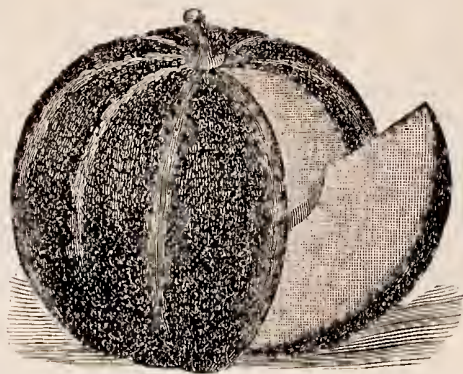
the hot sun better than most other varieties. This hard-heading stock of Hanson Lettuce has been so improved that most of the heads are so very solid that they do not send up any seed stalks unless cut open with a knife. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60 cts.

**Early Curled Simpson**—Forms a large loose head. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40 cts.; per lb., \$1.25.

**Black-Seeded Simpson**—Superior to the Curled Simpson, from which it differs in being much lighter colored, the leaves being almost white. It also grows nearly double the size, and is of exceptionally fine quality. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40 cts.; per lb., \$1.25.

**Tomhannock**—First named and introduced in 1836, the Tomhannock Lettuce has proved entirely distinct from all existing varieties and of superlatively fine quality. It should be in every garden. We have received hundreds of testimonials—all uniting in pronouncing it of extra flavor and remarkable for retaining its fine quality for an unusual length of time. It forms a beautiful plant; ten or twelve inches high by nine to ten inches across; the leaves grow upright, the upper part of the outer leaves turning outward very gracefully, and are handsomely wrinkled. The edges of the outer leaves are of a glossy, reddish bronze, very ornamental and fresh in appearance; within the leaves are almost white and wonderfully crisp and tender. It grows very quickly, is ready to cut early, and remains for weeks of the finest quality, being slow to run to seed. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 70 cts.

### MUSKMELONS.



EMERALD GEM MUSKMELON.

**Emerald Gem Muskmelon**—All who have grown this splendid melon unite with us in pronouncing it unequalled in rich, delicious flavor. The skin, while smooth, is ribbed, and of a deep emerald green color. The flesh is remarkably thick, a bright salmon color, and ripens to the extreme green rind. The flesh is sweet and luscious beyond description. The vines are hardy and thrifty. Very prolific, bearing melons nearly to the extreme root. Pkt., 5 c.; oz., 20 c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60 c.

**Montreal Green Nutmeg Muskmelon**—A new variety lately introduced, is unquestionably one of the largest, and finest muskmelons grown. They frequently obtain the weight of from 30 to 40 lbs., which is remarkably heavy for a muskmelon. The shape, is nearly round, inclined to oval, slightly ribbed, thickly netted, flesh a rich greenish color, very thickmeated, rich, spicy flavor, sweet and delicious. For a market melon, they certainly have no equal, being very productive and nearly all large melons. It is also very desirable for private families, as it ripens early and keeps good a long time. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35 cts.; lb., \$1.

**Mil'er Cream**—This splendid melon was thoroughly tested the past season by many of our market gardeners and melon growers, as is pronounced



by all as one of the very best after "The Princess." The flesh is of a rich salmon color, very thick, sweet and melting in quality. The rind is very thin, slightly sutured and finely netted. They average about the size of the Golden Gem, but of handsomer shape and appearance, and what few have been marketed sold readily from 25 cts. to 40 cts. each. Vines grow strong and are very productive, covering the ground with fruit. They retain their bright, fresh appearance, and remain solid several days after being picked. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50 cts.

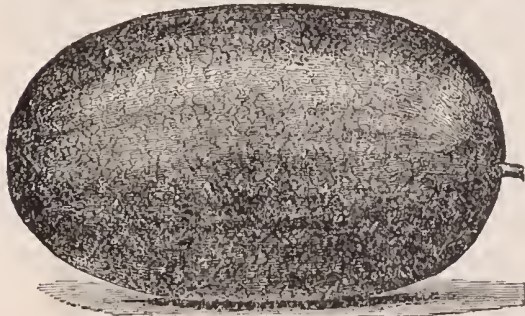
**Bay View**—Flesh green, sweet and spicy, oblong; claimed to be the most hardy melon known, can be picked green, and ripens well while in transit; has been grown to weigh 17 lbs. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.



**Princess Muskmelon**—I am glad to be able to offer my customers this new melon, "The Princess," which after a thorough trial has proved the best (with the exception of Emerald Gem) I have ever grown. They ripen early and grow to good size, frequently weighing eight to ten pounds each. The vines grow vigorously and are very productive. I have a very fine supply of seed saved from extra large specimens. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60 cts.

### WATERMELONS.

**Green and Gold** (see specialties).



VICK'S EARLY WATERMELON.

**Vick's Early Watermelon**—This new melon is highly prized for its extra earliness; oblong in shape but irregular in color, smooth, size medium, flesh bright pink, solid and sweet. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; lb., 90 cts.

**Mammoth Iron-Clad**—This melon grows to a very large uniform size, frequently weighing 80 lbs. and over, and resembles in its markings the popular Cuban Queen. In shape and seed, however, it is quite distinct, being deeper and fuller at

both ends, with seeds of drab-white color. They are enormous yielders, flesh very red, solid, and of excellent flavor. The rind is extremely tough and hard—hence their name, **IRON-CLAD**—rendering them valuable for shipping. My supply is grown from the originator's seed and warranted genuine. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.; lb., 80 cts.

**Citron**—For preserves. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

### MILLS' RELIABLE ONION SEED.

My crops of Onion Seed the past season have been very large. In no vegetable, with perhaps the single exception of Cabbage, does the value of the crop raised depend more directly on the quality of seed than the Onion. My Onion Seed is all grown from choice selected bulbs, critically examined before being set out for seed, and I do not hesitate to warrant every ounce of my seed thoroughly reliable in every respect.



YELLOW GLOBE DANVERS ONION.

**Yellow Globe Danvers**—The Yellow Globe Danvers Seed I offer is fully equal to the best market garden strains around Boston. The name "Globe" in this connection must be taken comparatively, as the True Danvers Onion is never so perfectly globe-shaped as the Southport Yellow Globe; all the perfectly globe-shaped varieties are later in maturing than "THE YELLOW GLOBE DANVERS." I cannot too strongly recommend my seed of this variety; from careful trials I know it is unsurpassed by any strain, and I guarantee every pound New Crop 1889. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60 cts.; lb., \$2.

**Extra Early Red**—This variety matures very early. It yields abundantly and is of mild flavor; of medium size, deep red in color; very close-grained, solid and heavy. This will often form bulbs in cold and mucky soils, where other varieties fail. It is highly recommended, particularly for the north and northwest, as even there it will produce full-sized onions from the black seed. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60 cts.



WETHERSFIELD RED.

**Large Red Wethersfield**—Of large size and fine form; skin deep purplish-red; flesh purplish white; moderately fine grained and strong in flavor. Very productive and excellent keeper. Immense crops of this are grown for shipment, and it certainly is one of the very best sorts for market. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60 cts.; lb., \$1.80.

**White Globe**—A large globe-shaped onion; firm, fine-grained, of mild flavor; keeps well. This



is one of the handsomest onions grown, of beautiful shape, clear, white skin and commands the highest market price. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.; 2 ozs., 45 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 75 cts.

**Yellow Dutch or Strasburg**—One of the oldest varieties, a good keeper, used largely for growing sets. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50 cts.

### PARSNIP.

**Long Smooth or Hollow Crown**—The best variety in cultivation, roots long, white, smooth, tender, sugary, an excellent flavor. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

### SEED PEAS.

My Seed Peas are the very best obtainable, being grown far North (on the borders of Lake Ontario), riddled and hand-picked. They are raised from the best selected stocks, and the crops are carefully "rogued," being subjected to the most critical and constant inspection.

### PEAS—EARLY VARIETIES.

Those marked with a (\*) are wrinkled varieties. If ordered by express or freight, deduct at the rate of 15 cents per quart from pint and quart prices.

**\*Prince of Wales** (see novelties.)

**Blue Beauty** (see specialties.)

**\*American Wonder**—This variety is justly entitled to head the list of dwarfs in point of productiveness, flavor and quality; a cross between the Champion and Little Gem, it combines in a remarkable degree, the superior qualities of its parents, and is the earliest wrinkled pea in cultivation; peas planted in June, matured in 33 days. It is of dwarf and robust habit, growing from ten to fifteen inches high, and produces a profusion of good sized and well filled pods of the finest flavor. Price per pkt., 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt., 15 cts.; pt., 25 cts.; quart, 45 cts., postpaid.

**First of All**—This variety of extra early Pea is unsurpassed for earliness, yield, size of pod and regularity of growth. It produces pods of good size, which are well filled with round, smooth peas of splendid flavor. It is a prodigious bearer, and ripens up so thoroughly as not to require more than two pickings to clear off the crop; and in this last feature and extreme earliness consists its great value to market gardeners or truckers. Try a few this season for trial. Price per pkt., 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt., 15 cts.; pt., 25 cts.; quart, 45 cts.

### PEAS—LATE SORTS.

**Golden Sugar** (see novelties)

**\*Bliss' Everbearing**—A new wrinkled Pea, growing about two feet high, a stocky grower with abundant large foliage. It is a heavy bearer of large pods, well filled with extra large peas of a delicious flavor, some of them measuring one and three-quarters inches in circumference. One of its strongest recommendations is the length of time they continue in bearing, yielding a number of pickings, a very desirable trait for the family garden. To get the best result, plant the peas about six inches apart. Price per pkt., 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt., 15 cts.; pt., 25 cts.; quart, 45 cts.

**\*Champion of England**—Undoubtedly one of the best Peas grown, and very popular. It is very productive, and the peas are of a delicious flavor; height four to five feet. Per pkt., 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt., 15 cts.; pt., 20 cts.; quart, 30 cts.

### PEPPERS.

**New Celestial** (see specialties).

**Ruby King**—My patches of this new Pepper have attracted much attention. It is unquestionably the largest and handsomest of the red varieties. They grow to a larger size than the Spanish Monstrous, and of different shape. The fruits are

five to six inches long by about three and a half inches through, of a bright red color. They are remarkably mild and pleasant in flavor, having no fiery taste whatever. Single plants ripen from eight to ten fruits, making them both productive and profitable. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 30 cts.

**Bell or Bull Nose**—A large early variety, of mild flavor, rind thick and fleshy; the best for pickling. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

**Golden Dawn**—This Pepper in shape and size resembles the Bell. Color a bright yellow, and very productive. For beauty of growth they are worthy a place in the flower as well as the vegetable garden. They are entirely exempt from any fiery flavor, and could be eaten as readily as an apple. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

**Red Cluster**—This is one of the most distinct and beautiful varieties we have ever seen—in fact, the plants are so ornamental as to deserve a prominent position in the flower garden. The small, thin peppers, of a most conspicuous coral-red color, are curiously crowded together in bunches at the top of each branch. A single plant will bear hundreds of the handsome little pepper, which are very hot and pungent in flavor. Pkt. 5 cts.

**Long Red Cayenne (True)**—Long fruits of conical shape, bright red; flesh strong and pungent. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

### PUMPKIN.

**Golden Oblong** (see specialties).

**The Japanese** (see specialties).

**Small Sugar**—This is very handsome and prolific, of small size, the pumpkins averaging about ten inches in diameter; the skin is a deep orange yellow. It is very fine grained in flesh, sweet in taste, and an excellent keeper. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20 cts.; lb., 50 cts.

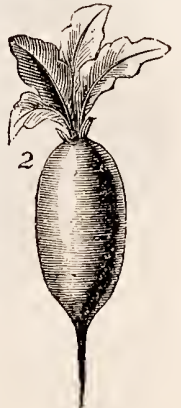
**Large Common Field**—Large yellow; good for stock. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; lb., 35 cts.; postpaid.

### RADISH—EARLY VARIETIES.

**The Shepherd Radish**—The best variety in the country. It is the earliest long radish in existence. Grows larger and remains tender longer than any other variety in culture. In appearance none other approaches it, in quality it has not its equal. It grows very rapidly, reaching dimensions of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter and 12 inches in length in 30 days from time of planting, and will grow three or more inches in diameter and 15 to 20 inches in length before becoming hard and woody. When full grown on ordinary garden soil, they oftentimes attain the enormous size of three feet in length. For family or market use the Shepherd Radish surpasses all others in handsome appearance, size, shape and quality. They remain tender and crisp from four to six weeks after first coming into use. You should grow this radish for the following reasons: It is the earliest; it is the largest; it remains tender longer than any other; it is the handsomest; it is the best for the family; it is the best for the market; it is good for spring, summer and fall. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40 cts.

**Rose Olive-Shaped**—Oval, very tender and excellent; an inch and a half long; flesh rose color. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.

**Early Round Dark Red**—Of very deep, dark red skin, beautiful shape and extra early. Next to Burpee's Earliest this is the very best strain of Extra Early Scarlet Turnip Radish in cultivation.



ROSE OLIVE-SHAPED.



Its handsome appearance and extra fine quality command a quick sale on the market. It is always firm and crisp. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; lb., 65 cts.



CALIFORNIA  
MAMMOTH RADISH.

## RADISH—WINTER VARIETIES.

**California Mammoth White Winter**—Is an excellent variety, grows from 8 to 12 inches long, and from 2 to 3 inches in diameter; white, solid and good flavor. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.

**Chinese Rose Winter**—(searlet china.) A bright rose-colored winter variety. Sow in summer, same as turnips. This is of excellent quality, and is certainly one of the best varieties for winter use. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.

## RHUBARB, OR PIE PLANT.

**Large Victoria**—This is the standard variety; very large, quick growth and fine flavor. Price per pkt., 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 9 cts.; oz., 15 cts.

## SALSIFY, OR VEGETABLE OYSTER.

The Salsify has a grassy top, and a long, white, tapering root, nearly resembling a small parsnip. It closely assimilates to the taste and flavor of the oyster when properly cooked, and is a good substitute for it. It is very wholesome and nutritious. The roots are either boiled or mashed and made into fritters—in which form they are delicious.

**Long White**—Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50 cts.; lb., \$1.65.

## SPINACH.

**New Long-Standing**—This is decidedly the best variety for spring sowing, as it stands fully two weeks longer than any other sort before running to seed. The leaves are large, thick, fleshy and crumpled, fully equal in quality to the well-known Norfolk Savoy Leaved. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20 cts.; lb., 40 cts.

## SQUASH.

*In comparing my prices, please remember that my seed is saved from Squashes grown especially for seed, and the postage is prepaid by me. On seeds ordered by express, 8 cts. per pound may be deducted from prices quoted.*

**Golden Custard** (see specialties).

**Golden Summer Crookneck**—A small, crooknecked summer squash; skin bright yellow, covered with warty excreseences. Very early, productive, and of excellent flavor. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; lb., 70 cts.

**New White Pineapple, or White Turban**—The blossom end of the squash is smooth and rounded, the stem end blunt and serrated, with knobs projecting in star-like form. The color of the skin is a pure creamy-white. It ripens with the Perfect Gem, but can be used much sooner, as it is excellent when quite young. It is a strong grower and very prolific, yielding five to eight squashes to a vine. The flesh is very thick, creamy-white in color, fine-grained, and of good quality, being of a rich and decided cocoanut flavor. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; lb., 75 cts.

**Hubbard**—This is the standard winter squash, and excellent for table use, of good size, fine-

grained flesh, good keeper. This squash is doubtless more largely grown than any other squash. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; lb., 75 cts.

**Butman**—Skin bright green, intermingled with white, thick shell, and thick meated. The flesh is of a lemon color, very smooth and fine grained, dry and sweet. It has a flavor different from most others. It is in its prime from October to January. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.; lb., 75 cts.

**Essex Hybrid**—The Essex Hybrid or Hard Shell Turban Squash is a cross between the Hubbard and American Turban, having the color, shape and superior qualities of the Turban, with the dryness and hard shell of the Hubbard. The flesh is very thick, rich colored and solid, having an extremely small cavity for the seeds. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.; lb., 75 cts.

**Marblehead**—Outer color light blue; flesh bright orange, very dry. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.; lb., 75 cts.

**American Turban**—This is decidedly the best of all fall squashes; as good for summer (also fall and early winter) as the Hubbard is for winter. Flesh orange-yellow, thick, fine-grained, sugary, and particularly well-flavored. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30 cts.; lb., 75 cts.

**Perfect Gem**—After setting the squashes near the root, like the bush varieties, the vines commence to run, often attaining a length of 20 feet; very productive. The squashes are three to four inches in diameter, flattened, of a creamy-white color, slightly ribbed. The flesh is fine-grained, cooks dry and sweet. It keeps well, and the flavor improves by keeping. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; lb., 75 cts.

**Mammoth Chili**—This is the "Jumbo" of the squash family. It is a native of Chili, one of the South American States. Their size is simply enormous. Specimens have been grown to weigh over 290 pounds; but to obtain this weight they must be forced. From 100 to 150 pounds is a common weight with good ordinary culture. The seed I offer is from specimens weighing over 100 pounds. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

## TOMATOES.

**Mansfield Tree** (see novelties.)

**New Zealand Fig** (see specialties.)

**Peach** (see specialties.)

**Golden Queen**—A new yellow variety of first-class quality. Has very little acid, flavor excellent. In color a deep yellow. The larger and riper fruit being beautifully tinged with red on the blossom end. Price per pkt., 10 cts.; oz., 30 cts.

**Extra Early Trophy**—This variety was discovered two years since by a prominent New Jersey Tomato Grower, in a patch of the well-known Trophy. He found it ripened nearly two weeks ahead of others, and produced very abundantly, in clusters. The past season it fully evidenced a fixed habit for earliness. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 30 cts.

**Livingston's Perfection**—It is shaped like the Aeme, but somewhat larger, fully as early, perfectly as smooth, blood-red in color. Adapted by all canners after one trial. Price per pkt., 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 15 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

**Livingston's Favorite**—This is the largest, perfect shaped Red Tomato; is a darker red than the Perfection; ripens evenly and as early as any good sort, holding its size to the end of the season. Price per pkt., 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 15 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

**Canada Victor**—This excellent early Tomato will be found to excel most varieties in that most desirable characteristic,—in earliness of ripening the great bulk of the crop,—a trait of great value to market gardeners. Generally symmetrical and



handsome, in ripening it has no green left around the stem (a great fault with many kinds otherwise good). It is heavy, full meated and rich, between round and oval in shape, and red in color. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

**Cardinal**—In color a brilliant red; very glossy looking when ripe; flesh solid; quite smooth, early and good size. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 30 cts.

**Ferry's Optimus**—New, uniform in size, produces in clusters of four and five, each one of marketable size, ripens evenly, free from cracks, blemishes and rot; flesh of a crimson-scarlet color. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 30 cts.

**Acme**—Quite early and handsome; fruit smooth and of a deep purplish-red color. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 20 cts.



**Livingston Tomato**—Mr. Livingston, who was the originator of Paragon, Acme, Perfection, and Favorite Tomatoes, came before the public last season with a new variety which he called the "Beauty." This he claims to be "a better tomato than he ever before sent out," in its well-balanced combination of size, shape, weight, and beauty. It is as early as the Acme or Perfection, of a very glowing crimson in color, with a slight tinge of purple. It retains its size later in the season than Acme and other good sorts. It has yielded one-third more than Acme. In shape it is perfectly spherical. It has a thick skin, and hence is not so liable as some other varieties to crack just after a rain. It has more solid flesh and fewer seed than average kinds, and is less inclined to rot. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

**The Mikado**—A new variety of immense size, perfect solidity and unsurpassed quality. The Mikado differs from all others in its immenso size—in fact it does not exaggerate the size of tomatoes, which are produced in immense clusters, and are perfectly solid. The color is purplish red, like that of the Acme, while it has all the solidity that characterizes the Trophy. It is not unusual for single fruit of this variety to weigh from one pound to one and a half pounds each. Whether for slicing or for cooking purposes the quality is most excellent. The foliage of the Mikado Tomato alone will show the distinctiveness of the variety, for it is different from that of any other that has come under my observation. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

**Mills' Belle**—This is a large handsome variety, perfectly smooth and free from rot. Last season I sent out about 1,000 free packets for trial and it seems to please all I heard from. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

**Turner Hybrid**—This variety closely resembles the Mikado, and one can hardly distinguish the difference, but I pronounce the Mikado the better. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 25 cts.

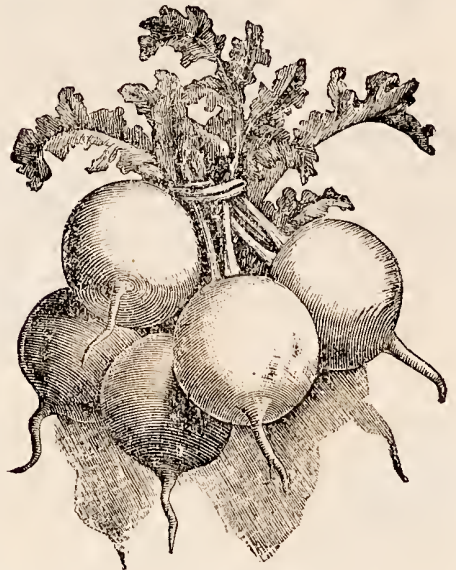
**Potato Leaf**—This is a new variety, introduced recently, I grew it on a large scale the past season and like its appearance in every respect. Its fruit is of medium size and of a beautiful red color, nearly round as a ball and perfectly solid. Price per pkt., 5 cts.

**My Mixed Packet**—I will send a packet of all above choice varieties for 5 cents. If you want the greatest variety of tomatoes you ever had order this packet. You will have tomatoes very early and continue to have until frost.

## TURNIPS.

My prices are for Seeds postpaid, by mail. If ordered by express deduct 8 cts. per pound. My seed is all grown from selected bulbs, and can be relied upon. Customers will do well to order their Turnip Seed in the Winter and Spring, when sending their general orders, but those who prefer to wait until the seed is actually needed, even as late as July and August, will be supplied at the same low prices.

**Burpee's Bread Stone** (see specialties.)



EARLY WHITE SIX WEEKS.

**Early White Six Weeks**—Size medium, grows quick. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20 cts.; lb., 60 cts.

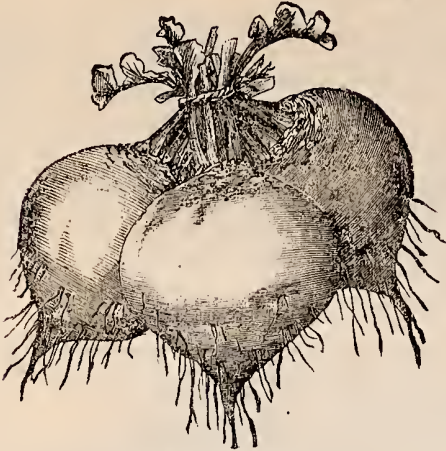
**White Egg**—Of very rapid growth; egg-shaped, with thin, white skin. Very solid, firm, fine-grained flesh, of sweet, mild flavor. It grows to a good size, and is excellent either as an early or late variety; keeps well. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; lb., 65 cts.

**Extra Early Purple Top Milan, Strap-Leaved**—This splendid new Turnip is the earliest in cultivation. The bulb is very flat, of medium size, quite smooth, with a bright purple top; leaves few, short and of light color, growing very compact, and making an exceedingly small and neat top. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50 cts.

**Early White Flat Dutch, Strap-Leaved**—A very popular market variety. Grows quickly, comes early, clear white skin and flesh of juicy, mild flavor and excellent quality. For early use sow very early in the spring, and again in July and August for autumn use. Per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20 cts.; lb., 50 cts.



**Ruta Bagas, or Swedes**—The Swedish or Russian Turnip (*Ruta Bagas*) grow much larger in size and are of greater value for stock feeding than the ordinary turnip.



WHITE SWEDE.

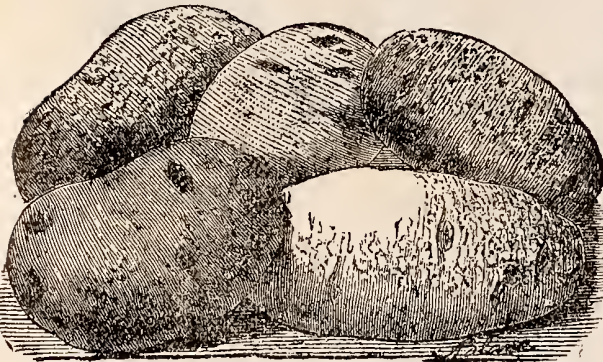
**Large White**—Flesh firm, white and solid; has a very rich and sweet flavor. Price per pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25 cts.; lb., 50 cts.

### CHOICE SEED POTATOES.

My seed potatoes this season have been grown, specially for seed. The potatoes are now stored, in fine condition, in my cellar awaiting orders. All orders accompanied by the cash will be promptly acknowledged, and the potatoes forwarded as early as the weather permits. In ordering please state whether I shall ship by express or freight. Prices per pound include postage by mail.

**Mills' No. 10** (see novelties.)

**North Pole** (see specialties.)



SUNLIT STAR POTATO.

**Sunlit Star Potato**—Was raised from seed intercrossed four times with the best varieties of potatoes by one of Ireland's best potato growers. The seed ball was sent out by the Agricultural Department at Washington, and out of 57 varieties the Sunlit Star was selected. Tubers long, round, of a light flesh color, shaded to pink about seed end, eyes nearly even with the surface. Tubers of good size, smooth and handsome, yield and quality grand, vines short and stocky. One feature in this potato is that it seems to do much better if cut in single eyes, planting two eyes in a hill, or one foot apart in drills. Every one that has tried it speaks highly in its praise. Per lb., 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  peck, 35 cts.; peck, 60 cts.

**Crown Jewel**—It is a self-seedling of the Ohio, and will out-yield it. Is fully one week earlier, resembles the Ohio in shape, but is pure white in color, and of the finest quality, eyes shallow but strong, flesh pure white but flowery. Price per lb., 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  peck, 35 cts.; peck, 60 cts.

**Charles Downing**—Shape oblong, oval, skin white, netted, eyes few, very smooth, medium size, very handsome and of very excellent quality, the most productive and the very best of the Snowflake family. Price per lb., 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  peck, 35 cts.; peck, 60 cts.; bushel, \$1.25; barrel, \$3.25.

**The Polaris**—Is a new seedling from Vermont, that promises to lead them all. Color white, long, round, smooth and handsome, combining to a great extent the essential qualities of a first-class potato. Price per lb., 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  peck, 35 cts.; one peck, 60 cts.

**Ohio Junior**—Claimed to be a seedling of the Early Ohio. It is identical with that variety in form and markings of tuber, habit of growth, etc. In this variety we have the first and only instance where the Ohio has been reproduced from seed. It is a fine potato in shape, form, etc., and is a valuable addition to our list of Extra Earlys. Per lb., 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  peck, 35 cts.; peck, 60 cts.

**New Queen**—A cross of Beauty Hebron and Garnet Chilli. A strong healthy grower, earlier than the Hebron, of faultless quality and very productive. Per lb., 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  peck, 35 cts.; peck, 60 cts.

**Early New Zealand**—Fully ten days earlier than Early Rose, an excellent keeper, skin a light pink color, eyes even with the surface, above medium and uniform in size, very smooth and beautiful in form and proportions, grows a strong top, also do best cut to one eye, and planted two eyes to the hill, or one foot apart in drills. Per lb., 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  peck, 35 cts.; peck, 60 cts.

**Dandy**—Seedling of the Shenango, long, round, white, strong grower, a prolific yielder. The Dandy is destined to be a potato for family use. Per lb., 40 cts.; peck, \$1.00.

### BOLEY'S NORTHERN SPY POTATO.

I have always considered a good and productive new potato one of the most valuable acquisitions to my garden or vegetable plants. And with this object in view I have been for several years experimenting with and planting new varieties in order to test their quality, to enable me to introduce something better than the old and long cultivated kinds. I this season have the pleasure of introducing to my customers another new and valuable potato which is called Boley's Northern Spy.

**Boley's Northern Spy Potato** is as perfect in form and shape as it is possible for a potato to be. The skin is a very light rose color, almost white; perfectly clean from scabs or roughness; eyes, few and shallow; flesh, snow white; dry and mealy when either baked or boiled, and of the best possible flavor. The vines are strong and healthy; dark green foliage; ripen medium early, and grow very compactly in the hill. They are excellent keepers, and will remain late in the spring without sprouting or wilting. With my experience in growing potatoes, I bespeak a long and popular career for Boley's Northern Spy, and think that in time it will become the **POTATO OF THE MILLION**. Price 25 cts. per lb.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  peck, 35 cts.; peck, 60 cts.; bushel, \$2.

### THE GREEN MOUNTAIN POTATO.

The handsome form, white skin, and large size, recommend it everywhere. Flesh is white and fine-grained, cooks dry and mealy and is of superior flavor. This is the case when first dug, and they retain their good cooking qualities and keep sound and perfect until the new crop comes again. Vines grow vigorously, foliage deep green, the tubers grow compactly in the hill which is completely crowded with fine large potatoes; they ripen in August if planted in April. I have been making a specialty of this potato for the past three years, and it has given entire satisfaction throughout the country. I have



received most wonderful reports, have sold hundreds of bushels for seed and the demand increases each year as people find it a profitable potato to grow for home or market use. Price of genuine seed for 1890—1 lb., 25 cts.; 3 lbs., 60 cts, postpaid; 1 peck, 40 cts.; 1 bu., \$1; 1 bbl., \$3.

### NEW EARLY PURITAN POTATO.



EARLY PURITAN POTATO.

This new variety originated with Mr. E. L. Coy, of Washington County, N. Y., a competent authority on potatoes, and originator of the well-known and popular Early Beauty of Hebron. Mr. Coy says his Early Puritan far excels the Beauty of Hebron in productiveness and quality, which indeed is saying a great deal in its favor. I gave this new variety very close attention on my potato grounds this year, and I do not consider that he has given it excessive praise. The shape is well shown in my illustration, the skin and flesh is very white, it cooks dry and mealy even when half-grown. It ripens with the Early Rose, greatly exceeds it in productiveness, the vines grow strong, fast and vigorous,

standing up firm as a tree. Per lb., 30 cts.; 3 lbs., 75 cts., postpaid; peck, 75 cts.; bushel, \$2.50.

For the benefit of many who want a variety of potatoes, I will send one pound of good tubers of each of above eleven kinds, one tuber of my North Pole Potato, also one pound of my new No. 10, all carefully packed, distinctly labeled, and sent by mail, postpaid, for \$2.50; or I will send them all by express, received to pay charges, for \$1.50.

For \$3.00 I will send one pound of my new No. 10, and one tuber North Pole, and three pounds of each of above eleven kinds, carefully packed, by express, received to pay charges, and of course you are expected to suggest a name for my new No. 10, which will compete for the One Barrel Prize.

### POTATO EYES BY MAIL, POSTPAID.

I make a specialty of sending Potato Eyes by mail, which enables my customers in the far West or South to get a start with any new variety at a very small cost. I pack the eyes in damp moss very carefully and distinctly label each kind if two or more kinds are sent in one box, and guarantee them to arrive in perfect condition.

For 50 cents I will send 30 good eyes of any of the above eleven kinds, or 70 good eyes for \$1.00, all postpaid.

### SPECIAL OFFER

For \$1.00 I will send ten good strong eyes of each of above eleven varieties, all distinctly labeled and carefully packed, by mail, postpaid, or sixty good strong eyes of each kind for \$5.00.

## SMALL FRUIT.

If to be sent by mail, add 5 cts. per dozen for Strawberries, 10 cts. per dozen for Raspberries and 5 cts. each for grapes and chestnuts.

To accommodate my customers who are interested in fruit I have tested all the promising varieties, and below offer those that I find worthy of cultivation. They are all perfectly healthy, enormous bearers and the most profitable for both home and market use.

**STRAWBERRIES—Jessie**—This is a strong, rampant grower. Medium early and surpasses all others in productiveness, size, firmness, and quality of the fruit. These make it the most profitable berry grown. Price, 12 plants for 25 cts.; 25 for 45 cts.; 50 for 75 cts.

**Cloud**—This is the earliest large berry, and the largest early berry grown. It is very prolific. Fruit firm and of good quality. Price, 12 plants for 30 cts.; 50 for \$1.

**Bubach (No. 10)**—This late variety bears an abundant crop of large showy fruit. Its quality is good. Price, 12 plants for 35 cts.; 25 for 60 cts.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**—For 60 cts. I will send 15 Jessies, 10 Clouds and 10 Bubachs plants. Add 12 cts. for postage.

**BLACK-CAPS—Hilborn**—This new Black-Cap was originated in Canada, where it was highly prized. It is perfectly hardy, and has been growing more popular from the time it was first introduced, until now it stands the first of our early Black Caps. The fruit is large, firm and of good quality. Price, 12 plants for 45 cts.; 25 for 75 cts.; 50 for \$1.25.

**Nemaha**—This new Black-Cap is the largest, and for a main crop most desirable to raise. It ripens with our late berries and surpasses all of them in productiveness, size, firmness and quality of fruit. Price, 12 plants for 45 cts.; 25 for 75 cts.; 50 for \$1.25.

**Conthbert**—This is the most reliable of all our Red Raspberries. It has excellent quality and bears an immense crop of fruit. Firm enough to stand marketing. Price, 12 plants for 35 cts.; 25 for 65 cts.; 50 for \$1.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**—For 85 cts. I will send 12 plants each of the above three varieties. Add 30 cts. for postage.

**GRAPES**—Of this delicious fruit I offer three varieties as the best for home and market purposes.

**Niagara**—For white. Price of strong one year old vine, 25 cts.

**Brighton**—For red. " " " " " " " " 30 "

**Moore's Early**—For Black. " " " " " " " " 35 "

**SPECIAL OFFER.**—For 65 cts. I will send one vine each of the above three varieties. Add 12 cts. for postage.

**CHESTNUTS—American Sweet**—This variety is a rapid grower, and does well in nearly all latitudes. It commences bearing two years after set, and cannot be excelled for both fruit and ornamental purposes. Price, 20 cts. each; three for 50 cts.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**—For \$2 I will send 12 plants each of all the above varieties of Strawberries and Raspberries, one strong vine of each Grape, and one American Sweet Chestnut tree. To all who buy this collection I will give one-half dozen of the new Eureka Strawberry plants, and a book telling how to propagate and grow small fruit. Remember, for \$2 this collection goes by express receiver to pay charges, or for 65 cts. extra I will send them by mail, postpaid. All orders will be promptly acknowledged and fruit sent in early spring.



# Novelties & Specialties

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# FLOWER & SEEDS.

The following described Specialties and Novelties of Flower Seeds will be found to embrace some of the choicest and rarest varieties in cultivation. Many of these have been grown on my own trial grounds, and others imported at great expense from Europe. They can all be relied upon as being choice specimens of great merit and beauty. I have offered them in collections so low that all should give them a trial, and see what beautiful flowers can be grown from splendid imported varieties. Each packet contains seed sufficient for an ordinary flower garden. For a general list of Mills' Flower Seeds, see page 29.



NEW DWARF WHITE QUEEN ASTERS.

(Accurately drawn from nature, at my seed grounds.)

*One pkt. of each color New Queen Asters for 25 cents.*

**The New Diamond Asters**—This new race is a variety of the highest merit. The flowers are extremely beautiful and of the greatest perfection, 2 to 2½ inches across, perfectly double and each petal is distinctly incurved, as shown in the illustration of a single flower. The flowers are particularly valuable for cutting for bouquets. The plants grow 18 to 20 inches in height, the main stalk, of stiff, upright growth, with numerous upright stems starting from the very base, and each stem again branching—all the stems and branches being terminated with perfect flowers; the entire plant is thus a perfect mass of bloom. The colors of the flowers are rich and varied, ranging from pure white to dark, blackish-purple and rich, glowing crimson, while others are composed of bright-colored petals, edged with white. Visitors pronounce this a great sight at my seed grounds the past season. All colors mixed, per pkt., 15 cts.; 2 pkts., 25 cts.; or 5 pkts. for 50 cts.

**New Aster, Prince of Wales**—In my trials the past season of Asters, this new variety proved entirely distinct. When in flower the plants are about fifteen inches in height, branching freely in all directions, the large flowers bending the stems over with their weight, giving the plants a graceful,

**New Large Flowering Dwarf Queen Aster**—I take pleasure in introducing this magnificent New Aster this year; the new illustration was drawn from nature at my seed grounds, and accurately represents the beautiful habit of growth. All visitors remarked the distinct character of these New Queen Asters, the White Queen being pronounced the finest White Queen ever seen.

The dwarf, bushy plants grow only ten to twelve inches high, and while branching very freely, the branches are upright (not loose in habit), make a dense, compact bush—excellent for pot culture as well as for bedding. For many purposes, and particularly for culture in pots, I consider the habit of growth is more desirable than any variety heretofore introduced. The flowers are of extraordinary size, perfectly double, and resemble the finest Victoria Asters in form. On a single plant I counted forty flowers and large buds, while many small buds were appearing. As yet, there have been only two colors of this strain produced by the originator in Germany.

**White Queen**—Spotless white. Per pkt., 15 cts.

**Crimson Queen**—Rosy crimson. Per pkt., 15 cts.



FLOWER OF THE NEW DIAMOND ASTER.



open and pendulous appearance. The flowers are of a deep crimson red color and very large size, measuring three and one-half inches across. It is a splendid variety for cutting, as the handsome flowers are borne upon separate stems from six to ten inches in length. Per pkt., 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**Inbricated Yellow Aster**—A very beautiful Aster, with lemon or light-yellow flowers—the first approach to yellow in Asters that I have considered worthy of note. Per pkt.; 15 cts.; 2 pkts., 25 cts.

**Aster, Queen of the Market**—This new variety is entirely distinct from all other Asters in habit of growth; of graceful spreading habit, the flowers are produced on very long stems, making it most useful for cutting, as no buds are wasted, Its great merit, however, and which would alone make it very valuable, is its early flowering character, being in full bloom fully two weeks before any other aster begins to blossom. The colors are deep blue, pure white, light pink, and deep rich rose. Per pkt., 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

### MILLS' SUPERB CAMELLIA-FLOWERED BALSAMS.

The past season, in trials and cultures I had samples, comprising the most famous strains of European and American florists, and can say, without fear of contradiction, that in large size, perfect form, even habit, richness and delicacy of colors, as now improved, Superb Camellia-Flowered Balsams are without a rival. For florists' use, my stock of Balsams will prove particularly valuable, while few amateurs have any idea of the remarkable perfection to which this strain has attained. The flowers, borne in wonderful profusion, resemble the Camellia in form, and are fully as double; most of the varieties are of extraordinary size, being frequently over two inches in diameter. I now offer seed of Camellia-Flowered Balsams, finest mixed, which embraces seed of all choicest varieties and is the finest mixed Balsam Seed ever offered. Price, per pkt., 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.



SUPERB CAMELLIA-FLOWERED BALSAM.

### VERBENA-ODORATA.

This lovely Verbena possesses three great points of merit over other varieties, and they are such important ones that it will become a necessity to every garden. First, it is so hardy, seed can be sown in the open ground early in the spring where they will quickly germinate, grow rapidly, and in a few weeks be in bloom, and give a great profusion of beautiful blossoms all summer. No garden flower is easier grown, for it is as sure to thrive as a Poppy or pig weed. Second, the blossoms instead of being in clusters, like other sorts, run up into spikes, usually 3 or 4 inches long, as shown in the cut. Third, it is very sweet scented. I have probably said enough to make every one want it, but I have yet to say that the flower is pure white, that the plant is short jointed and dwarf, not covering nearly as much ground as other sorts, and it is a perfect mass of bloom all summer. Also, that it always comes perfectly true from seed. Let every one possess themselves of it. Pkt., 20 cts.





## A GRAND NEW SWEET PEA—"MISS BLANCHE FERRY."

**Largest Flowered—Most Beautiful—Most Perfect in Form—Most Fragrant. The Finest Sweet Pea in Existence for Florist or Private Garden.**

This is a new and distinct variety which is simply unapproached in the beauty of its flower and the good qualities of the plant. It is so compact and bush-like in habit that it can be grown without any support. The plant throws up innumerable flower stems, each bearing three or four of the immense pink and white flowers which completely cover it. The flowers are of the largest size, perfect in form and of a peculiar and beautiful combination of rich pink and white, giving an effect far superior to anything yet produced.

The Sweet Pea is already the fashionable flower for corsages, for carrying, or for table decoration, but this new and strikingly beautiful variety will eclipse all others in its host of admirers. When once known, the demand for it will be so great that no florist can afford to be without a large stock. Fortunately the wonderful floriferous habit of the plant will enable him to fill his orders if he takes the precaution to plant a liberal supply. Every lady who has the control of a small plot of ground can, by devoting it to this new Pea, have always at hand the material for the most exquisite personal and table adornment. But beauty of form and color are not all, for this is by far the most fragrant of any variety yet produced. I am confident that such a rare combination of excellence will make this Pea the worthiest and most popular flower of recent introduction. I have carefully grown the stock upon my own grounds and it is limited. Would urge my customers to order at once so that they may not be disappointed in securing the flower of the season. Per pkt., 10 cts.; 3 pkts., 25 cts.; 7 pkts., 50 cts.



SWEET PEAS—MISS BLANCHE FERRY.

## EXTRA LARGE FLOWERING IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSIES.



IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSY.

In the Imperial German Pansies the labor of many years of careful cultivation and constant selection has resulted in an almost endless variety of charming shades of color, and good circular substance united with extra large size of flowers. The plants are compact in growth, and flower very profusely. They continue to bloom most freely throughout the entire summer, the flowers being much larger and finer than in the old strains. In a written description it is impossible to do justice to the wondrous beauty and countless combinations of colorings of this superb strain. They embrace all the solid or self colors; delicately shaded flowers; five-spotted on backgrounds of every color; large spotted; edged or bordered flowers of various colors, each with a distinct rim of white, yellow or blue; dark and light marbled varieties; flowers, with clear, distinct eyes; striped flowers of striking beauty, and vividly-colored fancy varieties, blotched, veined, mottled and margined in combinations that would be thought impossible until the flowers are actually seen.

**Imperial German Splendid Mixed**—This mixture embraces seeds of over 50 colors and markings. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 4 pkts. for 50 cts.; 10 pkts. for \$1.00.

**Harlequin Asters**—Of upright habit, medium height, very profuse blooming, this new race produces odd flowers of striking beauty, entirely different from all other varieties.

**Red Harlequin**—About half of the petals are

pure white and the balance bright red, interspersed in odd and striking contrast. Per pkt., 10 cts.

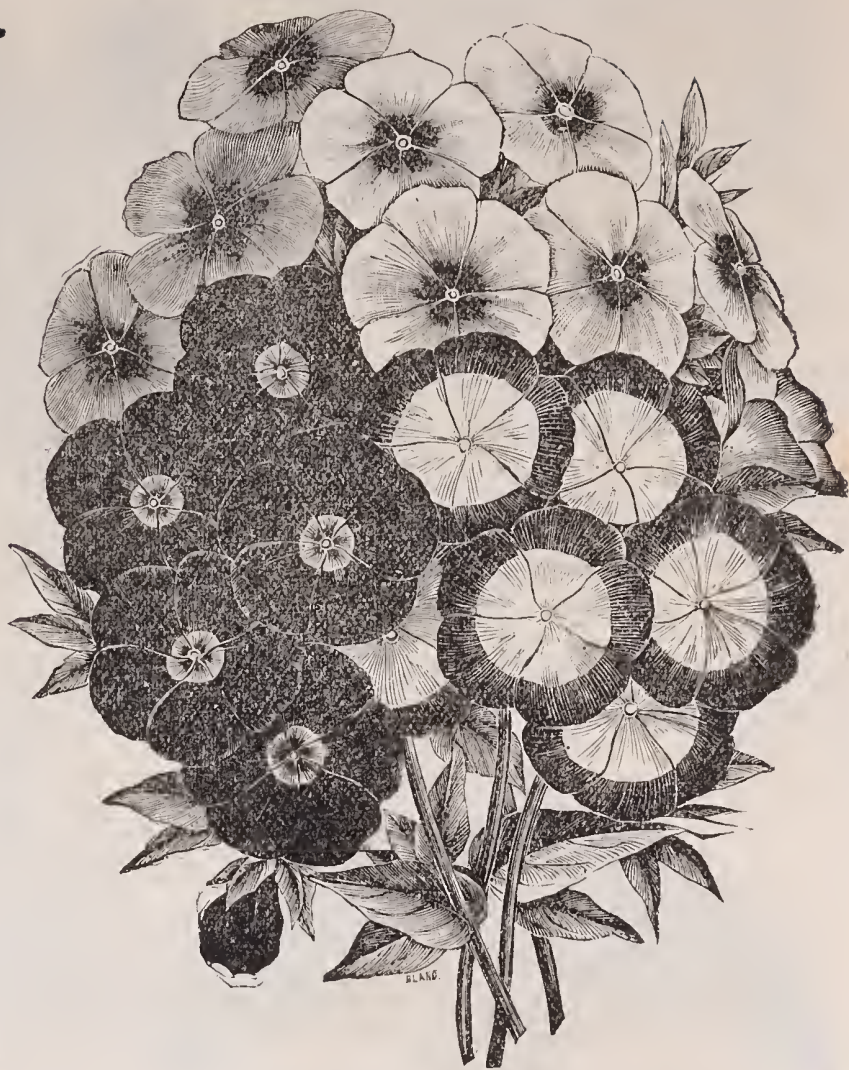
**Blue Harlequin**—The pure white of about half of the petals is strikingly relieved by solid, deep blue petals irregularly interspersed. Per pkt., 10 cts.



## NEW GIANT-FLOWERED PHLOXES.

**Mills' Surprise.**

Among the desirable novelties I have to introduce this year, I know of none more worthy than this magnificent new strain of Phloxes. The flowers are nearly the size of a twenty dollar gold coin, very perfect in form and borne in such profusion as to nearly obscure the whole plant. The colors are the most brilliant, varied and numerous to be found among Phloxes—crimson, scarlet, rose, pink, blush, purple, white, lavender, light-yellow, maroon, black, marbled, striped, and variegated. Rich and beautiful velvety colors not found in other Phloxes appear here in abundance. The growth and habit of the plant is another equally desirable feature. They do not grow so tall as the Grandifloras, and are strong and bushy, standing erect, without lodging or blowing over, each plant presenting a mass of large dazzling flowers, which for a brilliant and striking display of solid colors has no equal in the garden. Seed should be sown in the open ground quite early. If started in pots in March or April, and cultivated as pot plants, they will commence blooming in a few weeks, and make a most brilliant pot flower. Do not fail to try this grand novelty. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 4 pkts. 50 cts.; 10 pkts. for \$1.00.



MILLS' SURPRISE PHLOXES.

**MARIGOLD, DAHLIA-FLOWERED.**

A grand Marigold of the African type, growing 2 or 3 feet high, strong and robust like a Dahlia, and producing enormous double blossoms, in size and shape resembling the finest Dahlias. The blossoms will average 10 inches in circumference, and are of various colors from orange to fine canary yellow. They are easily raised, and seed can be sown in the open ground. Plant one to two feet apart. A few will be single and should be pulled up as soon as the flowers show, to give the double ones more room. It is a grand flower which will greatly please all. Per pkt., 10 cts.

**MARIGOLD PYGMAE.**

I was more than pleased with my test of this charming novelty the past season. Plants commence to bloom very soon after they are above ground, and when only two or three inches high, and gradually spread out and grow a little taller till they reach the height of 9 or 10 inches, and are one unbroken solid row of flowers and foliage. They are completely covered with bloom all the time, and for borders and bedding they are superb. The flowers are light velvety brown, pedals beautifully bordered with bright yellow. It is a valuable novelty. Per pkt., 10 cts.



DAHLIA-FLOWERED MARIGOLD.



MARIGOLD PYGMAE.



### FOUR GRAND NEW EARLY POPPIES.



When "Snowdrift" Poppy was introduced several years ago, I did not realize its great value. It is now universally recognized as the most popular sort in cultivation, and has done more to bring about the present great popularity of Poppies in general than anything else. The Poppy is to-day occupying in popularity a place beside the Chrysanthemums, and even the Rose. We cannot wonder at this when we look upon their varied and brilliant colors and enormous double flowers, and see the ease by which they can be grown by anybody in any situation. While "Snowdrift" is of the dwarf Poeny-flowered type, the four grand varieties here offered are of the dwarf Carnation-flowered type, and bloom two weeks earlier than "Snowdrift" or any other double Poppy. They are dwarf compact growers, standing well up and producing flowers of enormous size and beautiful shape, perfectly double, with remarkably pure colors. I feel sure I am doing my customers a kindness when I advise them to plant these grand early flowering Poppies. See general list of Poppies, also—

**Angel of Morn**, pure milk white; elegant; per pkt., 15 cts.

**Angel of Noonday**, cherry red; very bright; per pkt., 15 cts.

**Angel of Evening**, bright rose; lovely pure color; per pkt., 15 cts.

**Angel of Midnight**, black, a novel and beautiful color; plant grows a little taller, and blooms a little later than the other three; per pkt., 15 cts.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**—That all can afford to plant these elegant Poppies, I will send one paper each of the four sorts for 30 cents.

### MILLS' DEFIANCE PANSIES.



I take pleasure in offering Mills' Defiance Pansies this season for the first time. No Fancy Pansies I have ever seen could equal these grand flowers. They were one of the wonders at my seed grounds the past season. Pansies are too well known to need any more description, and without fear of contradiction, I claim that Mills' Defiance Pansies produce flowers of the largest size, most perfect form, and richest colors. I have grown the seed in large quantities and offer it this season for the first time. The collection contains all choice kinds mixed and many publishers are using them as a premium. Price 25 cts. per pkt.; 5 pkts. for \$1.

MILLS' DEFIANCE PANSIES.



# Mills' Selection of the Best Sweet Peas.



Most deservedly have Sweet Peas had a new impetus given to their great popularity by the introduction of beautiful new varieties the last few years. So extremely fashionable have they become that I now sell ten times the seed I did a few years since. I grow them in large quantities, and can safely say the following

varieties are the best kinds in cultivation, and was greatly admired by all who saw them growing on my seed grounds the past season. The beautiful illustration herewith is grouped from paintings of separate varieties made by the artist.

**Miss Blanche Ferry** (see novelties.)

**Prince of Wales**—A lovely variety, shaded and striped with mauve on a white ground in the most pleasing manner. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**Indigo King**—The standard of this charming variety is of a dark maroon-purple, with Indigo-blue wings. Pkt. 10 cts.

**Queen of the Isles**—A beautiful variety. The large flowers are handsomely mottled and striped with both blue and red on a white ground. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**Fairy Queen**—Of delicate appearance. The lower petals or wings are a milky white, while the standard is tinted with pink. Pkt. 5 cts.

**Eckford's New Mixed Sweet Peas**—This strain of Mixed Sweet Peas comprises beautiful new varieties of Mr. Eckford's raising, including many of great merit and various bright colors, making a gorgeous effect. I would recommend a liberal use of this seed. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. 25 cts.; 7 pkts. 50 cts.; or 16 pkts. for \$1.00.

**All New Sweet Peas Mixed**—I can unhesitatingly recommend these as the finest strain of Mixed Sweet Peas ever offered for sale. The purchaser will receive a wonderful effect from this mixture. They were a wonder at my grounds the past season. Per pkt. 5 cts.; 6 pkts. 25 cts.; 13 pkts. 50 cts.

**SPECIAL OFFER** The above varieties of Sweet Peas, with their beautiful flowers of distinct and novel colors, are so very effective when planted in rows, each color by itself, that my customers will doubtless be eager to have a number of the separate varieties. I therefore offer one packet of the entire assortment of the above seven varieties (including both mixtures) for 40 cents, postpaid.

## Choice Collection of Flower Seeds for 30 cts.

For 30 cents I will send the following 15 kinds of choice Flower Seeds by mail, postpaid, one packet of each kind: Superb Camellia-Flowered Balsam, finest mixed Balsam seed ever offered; Candytuft, all colors mixed; Large Flowering Double Mixed or Show Dahlias, very choice; Double Dwarf Rocket Larkspur, choice mixed; African Marigold, double mixed; Pure Mache Mignonette, very choice; Empress of India Nasturtium, dwarf and very showy; Venus Poppy, a very choice kind; Early Ten Weeks Stocks, 12 finest colors mixed; Choice Double Mixed Zinnia; Sweet Peas, all colors mixed; Mixed Pansy, all colors; Mixed Aster all colors and very showy; Fine Mixed Verbena, an excellent kind; Finest Mixed Phlox, very choice. Remember the above 15 choice varieties, one packet of each kind, will be sent by mail postpaid for 30 cents. See other offers and collections in other parts of this catalogue.

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# Select Assortment of Choice Flower Seeds.

My Seed must not be confounded with the usual mercantile grades, which are grown cheap, sold cheap, and are in every sense of the word cheap and poor. My seeds are cultivated with a view of attaining the highest possible mark of perfection, and to supply a class of people who want nothing but the very best. My prices I have made as low as possible, consistent with the high quality of Seeds, and the liberal quantity I give in each packet.

The purchaser is allowed to select Seeds in packets to the value of \$1.25 for each one dollar sent me.

## ASTER.

The numerous forms of the Aster, and the great variety of rich colors of its perfectly double flowers, make it a leading favorite. For a late summer and fall display it has no equal. No garden should be without a good variety of these beautiful flowers. They are very easily grown, succeeding admirably in all kinds of soil, producing a display of richly colored double blossoms of which any one can be proud. Do not fail to plant a good variety of these grand flowers.

**Dwarf Queen** (see Novelties.)

**New Diamond Asters** (see Novelties.)

**Prince of Wales** (see Novelties.)

**Queen of the Market** (see Novelties.)

**Harlequin Asters** (see Novelties.)

**Imbricated Yellow Asters** (see Novelties.)

**New Rose Aster**—A splendid variety, with handsome, very large flowers, perfectly double; petals finely imbricated. Height 2 feet. All colors mixed. Pkt. 10 cts.



NEW ROSE ASTER.

**Dwarf Pyramidal Aster**—Plants grow 10 inches high, of pyramidal shape, very compact, each plant forming a perfect bouquet of itself. The flowers are very large and handsome, and is one of the earliest to bloom. Sixteen colors mixed. Pkt. 10 cts.

**Mixed Asters**—This mixture embraces all kinds and is a good kind to sow for a grand display. Per pkt., 5 cts.



DWARF PYRAMIDAL ASTER.

## BALSAM.

This is another old popular favorite (Lady Slippers) that has been greatly improved of late years. I offer the finest strain of Camellia-flowered Balsams that are in existence, being carefully selected and improved. To get the best flowers, the plants should be transplanted when two or three inches high.

**Mills' Superb Camellia-flowered Balsam**—All choice kinds mixed. See Novelties.

**Perfection Pink**—The flowers are of fine Camellia shape, of great substance, and reach two and one half inches in diameter. They are of a rich, deep pink in the center, shading gradually to a very light rosy pink at the extreme edges of the petals. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**Daisy Miller, or Preferred**—This new Balsam is perfectly Camellia-flowered, the large double blooms being two inches, in diameter of a white

ground color, delicately suffused with lilac or lavender-blush, deepening in shade toward the center. Wondrously effective, and will prove very useful for floral designs. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**Sunshine**—Much deeper in color than the light lemon, deepening to a bright yellow at the center of the flower. A very attractive and valuable new shade. Pkt. 15 cts.

**The King**—This Royal Balsam is a bright shade of scarlet, contrasting with very light-colored stems and leaves. The flowers are now very double and Camellia-shaped. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. 25 cts.

**The Queen**—This is also one of the Royal Balsams originally obtained in Germany, but which I have greatly improved and now offer for the first time. The beautiful double flowers are of suffused rosy blush, shaded to the extreme edge of the petals. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**The Emperor**—Purple spotted. Finest of all spotted Balsams. Perfectly double large flowers, of a reddish shade of purple, with clear white spots. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**Garnet Red**—Pale stems and light-colored leaves, from which the Camellia-shaped flowers of a brilliant garnet red stand out in striking contrast. Pkt. 15 cts.

**Dwarf Lilac**—Very double flowers of a beautiful shade of lilac, of great depth in the center. The bushes are unusually dwarf and compact in growth and very free flowering. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cents.



SPOTTED BALSAM.

**Scarlet Spotted**—This is one of the most perfect and brilliant of the spotted Camellia Balsams; of a bright vivid scarlet distinctly spotted with white. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**Splendens**—This is one of the most effective colors for bedding, as the intensely brilliant crimson scarlet of the flowers is imparted even in the stalks of the plants. For effectiveness and glowing brilliancy this will surpass a bed of the finest Scarlet Geraniums.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**Perfection White**—The finest white Balsam for Florists' work, as it is of remarkable substance. Per pkt. 15 cts.

**Light Lemon**—Of a beautiful light lemon shade; double flowers of great perfection. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**Apple Blossom**—One of the most charming of all my Balsams; large, perfectly double, Camellia-flowered, or a deep rosy-pink shade. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**Pure White**—The plants are very floriferous and produce large flowers of a pure paper-white color; very fine for bedding. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**Crimson Spotted**—The large double flowers are deep crimson, handsomely spotted with white. Per pkt. 10 cts.



**Maiden's Blush**—A very charming and delicate shade of light rosy-pink. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**Pomegranate**—A bright scarlet, similar to The King, but stems and leaves quite dark. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**Lavender**—Of a beautiful suffused Lavender color; a lovely shade. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**Scarlet, "The Best"**—Several shades lighter than our garnet-red, a clear, bright shade of scarlet; the flowers are perfectly Camellia-shaped and of great substance. Per pkt. 10 cts.

I offer purchaser's choice of any five packets for 50 cents. I will send my selection of six choice varieties for 50 cents, or twelve for \$1.00.

#### CANDYTUFT.

Among the most useful of hardy annuals. Perfectly hardy, and produces its neat clusters of flowers very freely.

**New Dwarf**—Extremely handsome. Pkt. 5 cts.

**Rocket**—Long spikes of pure white. Pkt. 5 cts.

**New Carmine**—Very choice. Pkt. 5 cts.

**Dark Crimson**—Fine. Pkt. 5 cts.

**White**—Pkt. 5 cts.

**Mixed**—All sorts. Pkt. 5 cts.

#### CARNATION.

For delicious fragrance combined with rare beauty, the carnation has no equal. The delicate markings of many sorts are exquisite.

**Double Mixed**—Pkt. 5 cts.

#### CHRYSANthemUM.

**Annual Varieties Mixed**—Free blooming hardy annuals, making a good show in summer or autumn. Pkt. 5 cts.

**Perennial Varieties Mixed**—One of the finest plants for winter flowering. Plants taken up before hard frosts will present a succession of beautiful blossoms for months. Pkt. 10 cts.

#### DAHLIAS.



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Every one knows and admires the Double Dahlia, but comparative few are aware that it can be grown so easily from seed and flowers so beautifully the first season, that the purchase of bulbs is a needless expense. I offer the choicest seed, that, if sown in the spring, will give a magnificent display of the brightest colors by August.

**Large Flowering Double Mixed or Show**—Pkt. 10 cts.

#### LARKSPUR.

Well-known annuals of great beauty, and noted for richness of their colors.

**Double Dwarf Rocket**—Finest mixed. Pkt., 5 cts.

**Tall Rocket**—Double mixed. Pkt., 5 cts.

#### MARIGOLD.

The African varieties are stronger in habit, and produce larger flowers than the French. The striped varieties very considerably in their markings, being sometimes blotched or striped, and sometimes beautifully gold laced.

**Dahlia-Flowered** (see Novelties).

**Pygmae** (see Novelties).

**New French Marigold, Dwarf Double**

**Pulehra**—A charming variety, bearing a great profusion of small double flowers, ground color of a rich golden yellow, but each petal has a distinct blotch of reddish-brown, giving a most pleasant effect to the flower. The plants are of circular form, and only twelve inches in height, while the foliage is unusually dark green in color, from which the bright flowers stand out in bold relief. A row or bed of this variety is a most beautiful sight. Per pkt., 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**African**—Double mixed. Pkt., 5 cts.

#### DIANTHUS (PINKS) OR SWEET WILLIAM.

All kinds mixed. Pkt., 5 cts.



MACHET MIGNONETTE.

#### MIGNONETTE

The Mignonne (a French name for My Little Darling) is a universal favorite on account of its sweet and delicate fragrance. The seed should be scattered liberally in sunny situations. The flowers of some of the newer varieties are of wonderful perfection.

**Sweet Mignonne**—Pkt., 5 cts.

**Pure Machet Mignonne**—The

plants are comparatively dwarf, of vigorous pyramidal growth, with very thick, dark green leaves; they throw up numerous stout flower stalks, bearing massive spikes of deliciously scented red flowers. It is well adapted for pot culture, and equally as fine for the open garden. The flower-heads are of great substance, and very valuable for cutting. Per pkt., 10 cts.

#### NASTURTIUM.

Both the climbing and dwarf Nasturtiums are well known and admired. The effect produced by them is brilliant and lasting.



NASTURTIUM—EMPRESS OF INDIA.

**Tall or Climbing Varieties**—Best mixed. Pkt., 5 cts.

**Tom Thumb Varieties**—Best mixed. Pkt., 5 cts.

**Empress of India**—The plant is of dwarf, bushy habit, the leaves are of a very dark purplish



LARKSPUR.



blue color, making a suitable background for the brilliant crimson-scarlet flowers which stand out in bold relief. Its profusion of bloom and dazzling richness of color are remarkable. Pkt., 5 cts.

### PANSY.

The Pansy is too well known and too much loved to need any description. It is, I think, not excepting the Verbena even, the most popular garden flower. Blooms continuously from the time snow disappears in spring till buried by it in autumn.

I am growing these seeds on a large scale and my mixed varieties embrace over one hundred of the finest large flowering sorts. Good flowering plants can be supplied almost any time at 30 cts. a dozen.

See my special collection of 12 choicest kinds by mail, on back cover of catalogue.

**Imperial German Pansies** (see Novelties).

**Mills' Defiance** (see Novelties).

**King of the Blacks or Faust**—Flowers intensely dark, almost coal black. Pkt., 10 cts.

**Snow Queen or Snowflake**—Flowers of a delicate, pure satiny-white. Pkt., 10 cts.

**Emperor William**—Flowers of a splendid ultramarine blue, with a well-defined purple-violet eye. Pkt., 10 cts.

**Azure Blue**—Very fine. Pkt., 10 cts.

**Yellow**—Large golden flowers. Pkt., 10 cts.

**Rose Marbled**—Very beautiful. Pkt., 10 cts.

**Delicata**—Pkt., 10 cts.

**Mahogany Colored**—Pkt., 10 cts.

**Striped and Mottled Varieties**—Very fine and exceedingly beautiful. Pkt., 10 cts.

**Rex**—Pkt., 10 cts.

**White Treasure**—Pkt., 10 cts.

**Gold Margined**—Strikingly handsome. Pkt., 10 cts.

**Good Quality Mixed**—Pkt., 5 cts.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**—I will send one packet each of all the above 12 kinds for 60 cts., or any 6 kinds for 35 cts., postpaid, except Imperial German and Mills' Defiance.



PETUNIA.

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Most valuable plants—succeeding well anywhere; they are particularly showy in beds or masses, and are universal favorites on account of their richness of color, fragrance and long continuous blooming.

**Finest Mixed Petunia**—Pkt., 10 cts.

**Finest Striped and Blotched**—Pkt., 10 cts.

### PHLOX DRUMMONDI.

Remarkable for brilliancy and abundance of bloom. A bed of scarlet Phlox presents a sight too dazzling to behold.

**New Finest Mixed**  
—All colors. Pkt., 5 cts.



MIXED PHLOX.

### POPPY.

This grand old flower is fast gaining the universal popularity which it justly merits. Having for years been crowded out of our gardens by the swarm of new comers and forgotten, it has nevertheless kept pace with the march of improvement, and now comes around and surprises us with its new forms, new sizes, new colors, and the dear old flower, which our grandmothers loved so much, again occupies one of the first places in our gardens, and we are proud of it, and well we may be, for through June and July it stands without an equal, the showiest of all annuals. Seed should be sown in the open ground as early as possible. My collection of Poppies is the purest and finest in the country.

**Vesuvius Poppy**—This is one of the most brilliant of Poppies; it is not only more striking, but also much more graceful and beautiful than

the **Crimson King Poppy**. The four large lower petals show distinctly a **Victoria Cross**; while looking at the grand double flowers on the top or side, they each appear a glowing ball of the most vivid scarlet; upon handling and examining, it will be seen, however, that each one of the hundreds of petals has a distinct stripe of pure white. The flowers are quite three and a half to four inches in diameter; the petals are finely cut or fimbriated, which adds greatly to their beauty. The plants grow two and a half



VESUVIUS POPPY.

feet high, and gracefully bear, in abundance, the magnificent double flowers on huge stems. On each plant is seen the glowing scarlet double flowers; other flowers, bending, show the **Victoria Cross**, while the unopened buds appear as if the flowers would be pure white with only an edge of scarlet. Per pkt. 5 cents.

**Double Red**—Largely grown by everyone. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**Angel of Morn** (see Novelties.)

**Angel of Noonday** (see Novelties.)

**Angel of Evening** (see Novelties.)

**Angel of Midnight** (see Novelties.)

**Snow Drift**—This was introduced two years ago, and is now acknowledged the finest sort in existence. It has a dwarf, stout habit peculiar to itself, flowers very large, perfectly double and as round as a ball, and of the purest snow-white color. It always comes perfectly double, no single or semi-double flowers appearing at all. It is really the most beautiful white flower one can grow in the garden. As the introducers, we have the pure genuine stock. Much inferior stock of this grand Poppy has been sold by unscrupulous parties. Pkt. 10 cts.

### TEN WEEKS STOCKS.

The stock is without doubt the most popular German flower. With its great variety of fine colors and large spikes of beautiful double sweet-



scented flowers, suitable either for garden or pot culture, it is certainly one of the most desirable of all flowers. I recommend starting seed under glass and transplanting to the garden about the first of June. For pot culture a four or five inch pot is suitable for one plant.

*Per Pkt.*

<b>Early Ten Weeks</b> —12 finest colors, mixed...	.10
“ “ “ —Pure White, very sweet.	.10
“ “ “ —Crimson.....	.10
“ “ “ —Blue.....	.10
“ “ “ —Yellow, new and fine...	.10

One paper each of above four colors, 25 cts.

### VERBENA.

Verbenas in quantity are more easily obtained from seed than from cuttings, and there is, moreover, a chance of raising novelties. Sown in spring, they flower quite early in the season, and a single plant, in good rich soil, will cover a space three to four feet in diameter, producing, if the flowers are cut as soon as they begin to fade, a mass of bloom until killed by frost.

**Odorata Verbena** (see Novelties.)

**Striped Verbena**—Beautiful striped varieties, of brilliant shades and colors. Pkt. 10 cts.

**Fine Mixed**—This is an excellent selection and you ought to sow it. Pkt. 10 cts.



VERBENA.

### ZINNIA.

The Double Zinnias are remarkable for the large size, and beauty of their flowers, and for duration and profuseness of bloom.

**Choice Double Mixed**—Pkt. 5 cts.



ZINNIA.

**New Pomponne**—The flowers are remarkably fine, most perfect in form and varied in color. The florets are piled in a symmetrical, smooth cone, perfect to the very tip. The colors range from pure white, through creams and buffs, to a clear chrome yellow. Then, again, there is a series of tints ranging from the softest pinks to the deepest crimsons, and fiery coppers and reds; and some are curiously two colored. Pkt. 10 cts.

## MY SURPRISE COLLECTION.

To meet the demand of my large trade, I am obliged to grow enormous stocks of all kinds of Plants, and Seeds, often more than necessary, to make sure of having enough. This surplus is either wasted or sold to wholesale buyers for less than cost, and it has occurred to me that it would be a good plan, after the heavy Spring business is about over, (in May,) to take my surplus stock of various good things, make them into "Surprise" Collections and offer them to my customers, giving them 3 or 4 times the value of their money. In fact the "Surprise" is in the great amount of fine things you get for the money paid. These collections cannot be sent out until about the first of May, and will be entirely of my own selection from kinds of which I have a surplus. No collection will be made up for less than One Dollar, and from that up to any amount the purchaser may desire. They will be sent free by mail, unless desired by express, and in that case I can send very much more for the money than by mail. All "Surprise" Collections ordered previous to May 1st will be booked and shipped them, but I can continue sending them up to the first of July. I advise my friends to invest a dollar or more in this collection. I can guarantee that you will be greatly pleased for the large amount of things you will receive from the amount invested.

## 50 Packets Vegetable Seeds \$1.00.

My crop of Garden Seeds the past season has been very large, so I am offering Fifty Packets, regular size, of my own selection by mail, postpaid, for \$1.00. The collection contains New Beets, Beans, Corn, Cucumbers, Cabbage, Peas, Tomatoes, Squashes, Lettuce, Radish, Carrot, Celery, Melons, Onions, and most all other kinds you can think of. If you cannot use them all this year they are new and will be just as good for several years. I make this offer to close out surplus stock of many kinds.

SKANEATELES FALLS, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1889.

*F. B. Mills, Esq., Dear Sir:*—I planted the sample of Gold Coin Oats in a drill in April, they grew up strong and healthy, and as far as I can judge they are an excellent new kind.

Yours truly, THOS. OGDEN.

CHADD'S FORD, Pa., Oct. 9, 1889.

*F. B. Mills, Respected Friend:*—Your letter of 5th inst. received. The sample of Gold Coin Oats you sent me grew well; straw was long, stood up well, and the heads were extra long and well filled. They are sure to be one of the leading Oats as soon as you offer them for sale.

Very truly, THOS. H. BRINTON.

# SEEDS

**—GREAT \$1 OFFER.** Seeds at your door at whole-sale prices. Having grown a large quantity of the following choice and valuable seeds the past season, and in order to introduce them, with my wonderful new peas, I make the following great offer: For \$1 I will send a box, postpaid, containing one packet each of the following **NEW AND IMPROVED SEEDS** and one packet of the Golden Sugar Peas, the greatest variety yet introduced and offered this year for the first time. Pods are eatable and of immense size. **Lentz Beet**, earliest and best. **Crystal White Wax Beans**, best for early garden use. **Golden Cluster Wax Pole Beans**, best early pole bean. **Winningsstadt Cabbage**, one of the best. **Large Flat Dutch Cabbage**, best late variety. **Long Green Cucumber**, best for table use. **Nichols' Med um Green Cucumber**, best for pickles. **Early Conqueror Sweet Corn**, largest early kind and very choice. **Mills' Improved Evergreen Sweet Corn**, best large late variety. **Improved White Rice Pop Corn**, an excellent variety. **Golden Heart Celery**, one of the best. **Mills' Cabbage Head Lettuce**, best kind in the world. **Viek's Early Water Melon**, an excellent kind and ahead of all others. **Princess Musk Melon**, the best flavored, easiest to grow and will please everyone. **Yellow Danvers Onion**, the best for general use. **Hollow Crown Parsnip**, the very best kind. **Golden Dawn Pepper**, will please everyone, best ever seen. **Sugar Pumpkin**, one of the best in the world for garden use. **Mills' Improved American Wonder Peas**, a wonderful kind and a sight worth seeing when growing. **Guerande Carrot**, the favorite of all. **Early Round Dark Red Radish**, best and earliest. **Shepherd Radish**, best Summer variety. **Bush Summer Crookneck Squash**, best early kind. **White Pineapple Squash**, good for pies, keeps all winter. **Cardinal Tomato**, best large smooth kind. **Golden Queen Tomato**, best and finest yellow kind ever introduced. **Early White Six Weeks Turnip**, best and earliest kind. **Large White Ruta Baga Turnip**, best for table use. **Mignonette**, a large flowering kind of sweet fragrance. **Sweet Peas**, mixed, the handsomest mixed variety ever seen. **Mills' Mixed Pansies**, best strain of mixed Pansies in the world. **Poppy**, double red, bright as fire. **Zinnia**, double mixed, double as a dahlia, bright as a rose. 34 full-size packets, postpaid, \$1. Six boxes, \$5. Beautiful catalogue free, offering hundreds of choice seeds and describing the wonderful No. 10 Potato, Gold Coin Oats, Potter's Superb Sugar Corn, and Tree Tomato—which grows 10 ft. high. No other seed catalogue contains these kinds. Send registered letter, express order, or P. O. money order on Skaneateles, N. Y. Address plainly **F. B. MILLS, Seedsman, Thorn Hill, Onondaga Co., N. Y.**



# A CURE FOR HARD TIMES!

**\$11.60 Worth of Choice Seeds and Plants for \$5.00.**

I make a specialty of collections and below I offer a collection for \$5.00 which is worth, if purchased separately, \$11.60. I believe this to be the cheapest collection ever offered, and anyone wishing to get a new and improved lot of Seed, Plants, &c., cannot do better than to order this. Read it over carefully and send in your order as early as possible, for I expect orders for several thousand and it requires a vast amount of work to get these collections all carefully packed in the safe way I pack them.

1 packet	Golden Sugar Peas .....	\$.20
1 "	Mansfield Tree Tomato.....	.25
1 "	Gold Coin Oats.....	.10
1 "	Prince of Wales Peas.....	.15
1 pound	Mills' No. 10 Potato .....	.60
1 packet	New Bush Lima Bean.....	.15
1 "	Golden Oblong Pumpkin.....	.10
1 "	Japanese Pumpkin.....	.10
1 "	Peach Tomato.....	.10
1 "	New Zealand Fig Tomato.....	.10
1 "	New Celestial Pepper.....	.10
1 "	Early Conqueror Sweet Corn.....	.10
1 "	Golden Custard Squash.....	.20
1 "	Burpee's Bread-Stone Turnip.....	.10
1 "	Green and Gold Water Melon.....	.10
1 "	Blue Beauty Peas.....	.10
1 "	Golden Tom Thumb Pop Corn .....	.10
1 tuber	North Pole Potatoes.....	.10

**\$2.75**

The above are all novelties and specialties and very valuable.

1 Flower Seed Collection, as advertised in another page of this Catalogue for 30 cts. \$ .30

The seed must be sown in open ground in early spring.

The \$1.25 Special Plant Collection of Asters, Phloxes, Verbenas and Pansies, as offered on back cover of this catalogue ..... 1.25

The Pansy Plant Collection, as offered on back cover of this catalogue..... 1.25

By sowing the Flower Seeds of the Collection in open ground in your flower bed and setting the above choice Collections of Plants as soon as received, you will have the grandest bed of flowers ever seen.

1 strong one-year-old	White Niagara Grape Vine.....	\$.25
1 dozen	Jesse Strawberry Plants.....	.25
1/4 pint	Early Red Valentine Bush Beans.....	.10
1 oz.	Eclipse Beet.....	.10
1/2 lb.	Lane's Improved Sugar Beet (for stock).....	.30
1 oz.	Large Late Drumhead Cabbage.....	.15
1 pkt.	Large White Belgian Carrot.....	.05
1/2 pint	Early Cory Sweet Corn.....	.10
1 pkt.	Orange Sweet Corn.....	.05
1/4 pint	Late Evergreen Sweet Corn.....	.10
1 oz.	Nicholas Medium Green Cucumber.....	.10
1 "	Montreal Green Nutmeg Musk Melon.....	.10
1 "	Mammoth Iron Clad Water Melon.....	.10
1 "	Yellow Globe Danvers Onion.....	.15
1 pint	American Wonder Peas.....	.20
1 lb.	Large Field Pumpkin.....	.25
1 oz.	Early Round Dark Red Radish.....	.10
1 "	Hubbard Squash.....	.10
1 "	Large White Ruta Baga Turnip.....	.10
1 of the \$1	Collection of Seeds, as advertised in another page of this catalogue, 34 pkts. Regular price.....	2.00
1 lb.	Boley's Northern Spy Potato.....	.20
3 lbs.	Green Mountain Potatoes.....	.40
3 "	Early Puritan Potatoes.....	.40
1 tuber	Sunlight Star Potato.....	.05
1 "	Early New Zealand Potato.....	.05
1 "	Crown Jewel Potato.....	.05
1 "	The Polaris Potato.....	.05
1 "	New Queen Potato.....	.05
1 "	Ohio Junior Potato.....	.05
1 "	The Everitt Potato.....	.05
1 "	Chas. Downing Potato.....	.05

**Total ..... \$11.60**

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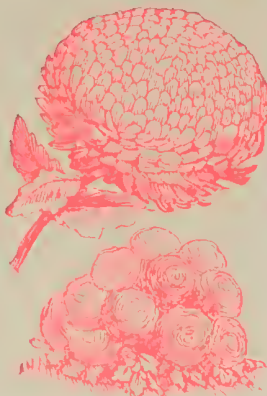
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